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THE KING'S HEALTH UNCHANGED

H.R.H. ARRIVES.

MET BY PRIME MINISTER AT FOLKESTONE

PUBLIC ANXIETY VERY KEEN

London, Yesterday.

A bulletin issued at 11.15 this morning stated that the King had several hours sleep. His temperature remains high but there is no further impairment of strength.

To-day's bulletin is not regarded as satisfactory, and the anxiety of members of the Royal Household is not allayed. The continuance of high temperature means that infection still exists, and the position in this respect is not improved although the fever is no worse.—Reuter.

Continuance of High Temperature

A British official wireless message issued at 8 p.m. stated:

Though the doctors were able to say in this morning's bulletin that there had been no further impairment in the King's strength, the anxiety which prevailed yesterday among the members of the royal household continued to-day.

The continuance of the high temperature means that the infection which returned in some measure yesterday still exists and that though the fever is not worse the position with regard to the infection has not improved.

An anxious crowd, larger than on previous days, read the bulletin on the notice board outside Buckingham Palace during the day.

It was authoritatively stated at four o'clock this afternoon that there had been no change in His Majesty's condition since this morning.

A Quiet Day

The evening bulletin, stated that His Majesty the King has had a quiet day. There is no increase in exhaustion and the pulse remains steady. Signed, Hewett and Dawson of Penn.

Public Anxiety

The fact that the Queen, as yesterday, did not go for her usual afternoon drive to-day, has not allayed the public anxiety which is now very keen.

Lord Dawson and Sir Stanley Hewett who left the palace at noon, returned at 3 in the afternoon.

Lord Dawson, in the interval, called at the Prince of Wales' residence, York House.

The Duke of York in the afternoon was present at a matinee in the Lyceum theatre in aid of the National Lifeboat Institution, which the Queen, only yesterday intimated that she regretted she would be unable to attend. The crowded audience gave a very impressive reception to the Duke.

Prince At Folkstone

Mr. Baldwin greeted the Prince of Wales on his arrival at Folkstone, and both entrained for London.

In London

The Prince of Wales arrived in London at 10.18 and was met by the Duke of York.

At Victoria Station

Long before the Prince of Wales was due at Victoria, dense throngs gathered in the cold, wet night at every approach to the station, which were guarded by a large force of police.

The arrival, in accordance with the Prince's special request, was marked by a complete lack of formality. There were no customary red carpet, no flags and no press photographers.

The Duke of York arrived just before the train.

Tired And Anxious

The Prince of Wales, looking tired and anxious, alighted briskly and warmly greeted his brother.

The thousands, waiting in sympathetic silence for the son, who was hastening to the bedside of his sick father, loudly cheered as the Prince immediately drove to Buckingham Palace, where he arrived at 10.25. He visited the Queen. It is understood that at the request of the doctors he will not see the King to-night.

Visit to Sick Room

Later.

An official announcement states that the Prince of Wales visited the sick room. The King, though unaware of the Prince's expected arrival, immediately recognised and greeted him.

Lord Dawson left the Palace shortly after 11.30 and Sir S. Hewett again stayed the night.

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SOLICITOR LODGES A PROTEST

LOAD LINE CASE

CHARGE AGAINST CAPTAIN IS DISMISSED

COMPANY FINED

At the resumed hearing of the case in which the Chuen On S.S. Co., Ltd., and Capt. T. Jones of the s.s. "Chuen Chow" were charged with unlawfully allowing the ship to be loaded to submerge, in salt water, the centre of the disc, on December 3 in the Harbour of Hong Kong, Mr. M. K. Lo, who appeared for the defence, lodged a vigorous protest against the prosecution refusing to furnish the defence with particulars during the last hearing.

Mr. Lo referred to the last hearing when his brother, Mr. Horace Lo appeared.

Counsel stated that he was entitled to know the particulars and being a legal practitioner of some years standing, he did not know that that was not done before.

Mr. Lo, however, submitted that even if it was assumed that there was a submerge, he should be informed of the degree of submersion.

He stated that in a case of summons in traffics, the defendant might be charged with driving at the rate of 15½ miles an hour or he might be charged with driving at 60 miles, but the defence must know the excess regarding which he was charged.

Continuing, Mr. Lo said that the submersion might be one thousandth of an inch or one foot, and the case depends very much on the evidence.

Harbour Master

Comdr. J. B. Newill D.S.O., R.N., (Harbour Master) directed the prosecution to disclose the extent of the alleged submersion which formed the subject of the case. Mr. R. Elvidge, boarding officer, then said that the submersion was three to four inches.

Evidence Taken

Evidence was then given by Mr. Elvidge who stated that at 2.45 p.m. on Dec. 4, he found that the s.s. "Chuen Chow" was lying alongside the Yuen On wharf and it was so loaded that the centre line of the disc indicating the load line on both sides of the vessel was submerged. The vessel was then on even keel.

Evidence was also given by Capt. T. Jones, who stated that he had reported the case to the Harbour Office. The "Chuen Chow," he contended, was overloaded to the extent of about two inches. On the discovery of the submersion, Mr. Ng Cho-ming, a director of the company, had ordered the coolies to discharge the excess cargo on to the wharf so that it could be taken on board the s.s. "Chuen Lee," which was due to arrive in the afternoon.

After further evidence, the Chuen On S.S. Co., Ltd., was fined $100 and the charge against the captain was dismissed.

SALVATION ARMY

The breach in the Salvation Army over the method of choosing the head of the great organisation has definitely widened.

The American branch, which is led by Commander Evangeline Booth, sister, of General Bramwell Booth, the head of the whole army, issued a vigorously worded statement—in reply to one by Mrs. Bramwell Booth—demanding reforms in the election of the head.

The long illness of General Bramwell Booth has revived the controversy. He was named as the head of the army in a secret document left by the late General Booth, and it is believed that he has in the same way nominated his successor. Many important leaders of the movement are opposed to this hereditary principle.

A meeting of the High Council—the first during the army's 63 years of experience—has been called to consider whether General Bramwell Booth is physical fit to continue as head of the army and whether his long absence from work has rendered the office vacant.

General Bramwell Booth was reported, in the last cable from London, to be out of danger.

IS THERE A "TIGER" IN ALL OF US?

INHERITED VICE

DOCTOR'S REPLY TO SIR BERKELEY MOYNIHAN

A MENTAL SPECIALIST

Is there a tiger in every baby, is vice inherited?

This question was widely debated by leading authorities in London, who joined issue with Sir Berkeley Moynihan, president of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Recently Sir Berkeley made a striking declaration of his belief in the essential goodness of human naufre. He disagreed with the Prime Minister, who spoke of the tiger instincts in human nature, and said:—

I do not believe that vice is in the smallest degree an inherited quality. I believe that children are born the purest things that the world knows, and that whatever vice creeps into the life of a child is something that creeps in from outside.

A distinguished Harley-street mental specialist said:—

Sir Berkeley takes an extreme view. Of late years psychologists have laid emphasis on the importance of early influences on the child mind. But minimising the hereditary factor is quite another thing from cutting it out altogether, as he does.

You can never be absolutely sure whether hereditary or outside influences are responsible for certain tendencies.

As the Prime Minister said, the tiger is there, and parents of irreproachable character have children with strong criminal propensities.

A leading London pathologist said:—

I totally disagree with Sir Berkeley's opinion that vice is not inborn. The tiger impulses in an infant are shown in its desire to tear things to pieces. It wants to be dirty and hates to be clean. These instincts are inborn.

SIR BERKELEY MOYNIHAN, Bt., K.C.M.G., K.C.B., M.S., LL.D., M.D., President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England; F.A.C.S., F.R.C.S. Sir Berkeley is also Emeritus Professor of Surgery and Clinical Surgeon in the University of Leeds, England. He has been styled the world's greatest surgeon and is the subject of the article on this page entitled "Is There a Tiger in All of Us?"

LIGHT BLUES WIN AT RUGGER

14 POINTS TO 10

CLOSE 'VARSITY GAME PLAYED AT TWICKENHAM

OXFORD'S LEAD

London, Yesterday.

At Twickenham in gloomy weather before 40,000 spectators Cambridge beat Oxford by 14 points to 10.

Before the start amid most impressive silence, the teams lined up and the crowd rose and uncovered, the band playing the National Anthem.

At the outset Oxford were badly beaten for pace. Smeddle scored two tries in the first eight minutes, Waters converting the first. Then Aarvold came away by himself and scored a great try, Cambridge leading in the 10th minute by 11 points to nil.

Oxford then improved and the forwards heeled more effectively than their opponents.

Adamson came along with a penalty goal and McPherson scored a try. At half time Cambridge were leading 11-6.

After 13 minutes' play in the second half Smeddle scored a try in the corner. Oxford promptly pressed, Adamson dropping a goal.—Reuter.

[Last season Cambridge won by 22 points to 14. Including yesterday's match, Oxford have a lead of two games over their rivals the figures being:—Oxford 22 wins, Cambridge 20 wins.]

POLICE RESERVE

An amendment to Police Reserve Orders, published yesterday, reads: "Squad Drill, etc.—All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill, etc., on Thursday, December 13, at 5.30 p.m. instead of at 6.45 p.m. as mentioned in Weekly Orders dated December 11, under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress: Mufti.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 3/16.

AFGHANS & REBELS

New Delhi, Yesterday.

A truce has been reached between the Afghan Government and the rebels. Peace negotiations are proceeding. Telegraph communication between Kabul and Peshawar has been restored.—Reuter.

REVENUE OFFICER'S CAPTURE

FORGED NOTES

CHINESE HELD ON BOARD S.S. "SAI ON"

STRAITS CURRENCY

A Chinese named Tam Wing was formally charged before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy this morning, with the unlawful possession of 342 forged $10 Straits Settlements currency notes.

Tam was not required to plead, and a formal week's remand was given on the application of the police.

The forged notes were found on the accused's person by Revenue Officer Grimmitt on Monday afternoon, in the course of search duty on board the s.s. "Sai On" which had just arrived in port. The accused was a third-class passenger on the ship and the possession of such a large amount of money aroused suspicion.

He was handed over to the police, who on investigation discovered that the notes were forged.

"PRES. JOHNSON"

NEW LINER COMING HERE

DUE IN MARCH

The new liner, "President Johnson" will sail from New York on January 31 on the schedule of the ss. "President Harrison" in the Round-the-World service.

The "President Johnson" is now at Newport News, Virginia, where the passenger accommodations of this Liner are being completely rebuilt. Upon completion of alterations the accommodation will be up-to-date and modern in every respect.

The "President Harrison" passenger accommodations will be entirely rebuilt and similar to the "President Polk." Addition of many improvements and comforts will be made as well as increasing the capacity.

The "President Johnson" will arrive in Hong Kong on her first voyage on March 23, 1929.

RUHR FATALITY

MINERS GASSED IN A SHAFT FIRE

Cologne, Yesterday.

Seven miners were fatally gassed and three seriously injured in an outbreak of fire in the winding shaft of the Diergardt mine at Duisburg.

The killed included three rescuers.—Reuter.

[The Diergardt mine is in the Rahr coalfield area and is near Dusseldorf.]

LEAGUE'S SAY

TELEGRAM TO SOUTH AMERICA

Lugano, Yesterday.

The League Council has decided to telegraph to the Paraguayan and Bolivian Governments recommending moderation and the spirit of conciliation. The message does not doubt that two states which, by signing the Covenant solemnly pledged themselves to seek pacifically a solution to disputes, will resort to such methods as will conform with their international obligations.—Reuter.

HOOVER PLOT

POLICE REPORT FROM BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Yesterday.

The Police announce the discovery of a plot against Mr. Hoover, the details of which have not yet been disclosed.—Reuter's American Service.

AUSTRIA & U.S.A.

DEBT SETTLEMENT BILL PASSED

Washington, Yesterday.

The House of Representatives by 340 votes to 26 passed the Burton Bill for the settlement of the Austrian debt.—Reuter's American Service.

ANOTHER FRENCH SCANDAL

STRANGE CHARGE

SENATOR ACCUSED OF UTTERING CHEQUES

IN RELIGIOUS RETREAT

Paris, Yesterday.

The President of the Senate announced that a request had been received from the Public Prosecutor for authority to proceed against Senator Klotz, who was M. Clemenceau's Minister of Finance, on charges of uttering cheques with insufficient cover in connection with the payment of a motor-car and of forging the name of a business man as acceptor of a Bill of Exchange.

Klotz recently retired to a religious retreat.—Reuter.

H.K. ART CLUB

HOLDING THEIR ANNUAL EXHIBITION

A FINE DISPLAY

In rather inartistic surroundings, at the top of one of Hong Kong's "sky-scrapers" — Pedder Buildings—the members of Hong Kong Art Club are to-day and to-morrow holding their annual exhibition of pictures. It is a fine display; perhaps even finer than that held by the Club last year. Some 200 pictures have been hung, and the talent generally revealed is highly creditable.

The following are this year's exhibitors:—

Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mrs. Knight Anstey, Mrs. Asche, Mrs. Aubrey, Dr. Balean, Mrs. Balean, Mrs. S. Berg, Mr. C. H. Blason, Mr. G. H. Bond, Mrs. Breyer, Commander R. D. Binney, Mrs. Cashman, Miss Maud Crawford, Mrs. Danby, Miss Griffin, Miss Hancock, Miss H. Harry, Mr. Geo. P. Heney, Mr. J. H. Hunt, Mr. S. D. Igglesden, The Hon. Mrs. Macnair, Mrs. De Martin, Miss P. L. Murray, Dr. Newton, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Miss C. Peyton, Mrs. M. O. Pfister, Mrs. H. K. Prossor, Mrs. Sayer, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. Bowes Smith, I. Vanwyaick, Mrs. Wyatt, Miss Westland.

The Art

These artists are represented in water colour, oil colour, black and white, or in pastel, and their exhibits make for a very pleasing display, for which the Club, as a whole, is to be congratulated. As formerly the pictures of each artist are grouped together and hung as effectually as circumstances permit.

Among the water colour land and seascapes, there are several pictures of Pokfulum by C. Peyton, which are good examples, the soft lights and colouring of the "View over Pokfulum" (two) are especially good. This remark applies to all the sketches on this artist's stand. Other water colour landscapes which appeal are Miss Griffin's "Sunshine," Mrs. A. K. Prossor's "Harvesting—New Territory," Mrs. Solomon's "Bend in the Road" and Geo. P. Heney's "Lion and Amah Rocks" (water). Mrs. Aubrey has a delightful sketch of a garden, and Mrs. Asche's "A Chinese House, Kuliang," is very pleasing, especially the foliage of the trees. Several of the river scenes are good, and Dr. Balean's "Sunset" is a gem. There are several excellent studies of flowers, and a clever oil sketch in the ultra modern style. Pen and wash drawing is good, as are also the pen drawings. A chalk portrait is freely and cleverly executed and should be a good likeness and the pastels are all very pleasing.

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STEVEDORES WALK-OUT

Boycott of Japanese Spreads to British Vessel

It was reported yesterday that Chinese stevedores at Ichang, on the Upper Yangtsze River, had refused to load the China Navigation Co.'s s.s. "Kintang" (British flag) with through cargo for Chungking, the highest port of call.

The stevedores' action is the result of intimidation by the anti-Japanese Boycott Society, the agitation of which seems to have spread towards British shipping.

The British Consul at Ichang, says a Naval wireless despatch, is endeavouring to obtain some assurance from the local Chinese authorities whereby workers (who are willing to work British ships) may be safely employed.

TRAGEDY DOGS TEA PROBE

WITNESS DEAD

ORIGIN MARK ON ALL IMPORTED BLENDS?

INQUIRY AT HOME

London, Yesterday.

At the resumption of the Board of Trade tea inquiry Mr. William Campbell did not appear and counsel reported just before adjournment that Mr. Campbell had died in a train en route to the inquiry.

Major A. H. Cripps, of the Blue Funnel Line, said that if the marking order was granted and if this affected the quantity of tea imported to Britain, it would also affect British shipping which carried tea and result in Amsterdam establishing competition with London as a tea market.

Mr. John Garrett, president of the Tea Buyers' Association, attributed the increased consumption of Java and Sumatra tea in Britain to the cheapness and the suitability of blending, which averaged generally 5½d. per lb. below Indian and Ceylon teas.

He considered the standard of the Dutch East Indies tea during the past decade exceptionally high and knew that the production of Indian and Ceylon tea had been restricted. There was, he said, no other country of any size except the Dutch East Indies able to supply tea when the cost of Empire tea was high.

He was sure that if the marking order was made some of the retail trade would be lost and well-known blends could not be supplied as cheaply as at present.

Mr. Garrett denied that Java tea was used in popular blends for purposes of profit and said it had been used in blends because it was more advantageous to the public.

The inquiry was adjourned.—Reuter.

[Mr. William Campbell was chairman of the Ceylon Tea Association, and was examined by the committee of the previous day's hearing.]

Earlier Proceedings

An earlier message stated:—

London, Yesterday.

The Board of Trade standing committee has opened an enquiry as to whether an order should be made that tea imported should bear an indication of the country of origin.

The applicants were the Indian Tea Association and the South Indian and Ceylon Association in London and the principal opponents are the Tea Buyers' Association, the Incorporated Association of Retail Distributors, the Association of Multiple Shop Proprietors, the Scottish Wholesale Tea Trade Association, the National Federation of Produce Merchants and other bodies were also represented.

Counsel for applicants said the position in regard to Indian and Ceylon tea imported to Britain had changed in recent years. The proportion of Dutch East Indian consumed was increasing and the quantity of Indian and Ceylon had decreased in spite of increasing total consumption.

Sumatra had tremendous resources for the cultivation of tea, which hitherto had been little developed.

Counsel examined Mr. Thomas McMorran, ex-chairman of the Indian Tea Association for over two hours. Witness said there was a diminution of 3,000,000 lbs. in the consumption of Java and Sumatra tea in Britain during the first 10 months of 1928 compared with last year.

He did not agree that quality and price were the only things the public considered. Some preferred Empire tea.

Mr. William Campbell, chairman of the Ceylon Association, examined, said he did not know that all the wholesalers and retailers were opposed to the application.

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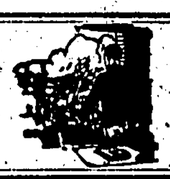

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

REAL ESTATE

REVIEW OF SHANGHAI POSITION

NOVEMBER FIGURES

The Asia Realty Co. reviews the real estate market in Shanghai during November as follows:—

Sales of real estate in all parts of Shanghai during the past month warrant the statement that real estate trading is now back to the "predepression" mark. A great many of the transactions have occurred in the French district and the prices paid have exceeded the anticipations of the most optimistic of realty holders.

The outstanding sales of the month have occurred on Avenue Joffre and in the Central District. One property containing about 9½ mow on Avenue Joffre was sold by foreign interests to a Chinese syndicate for a reported sum of Tls. 285,000. A second deal on Avenue Joffre, near Route Say Zoong, of 6¾ mow, brought Tls. 96,000.

The World Book Store, a Chinese concern, is reported to have purchased a site on Foochow Road, containing a little over two mow for the sum of Tls. 250,000.00. Of course, the purchase by the Central Bank of China of the former Russo-Asiatic Bank Building on the Bund already has been reported. Inquiries remain strong with a preponderance of larger buyers, with smaller buyers for the moment in the minority.

Rentals

It appears that the rental situation in so far as requirements for high grade accommodations is concerned, is easing in the face of a still strong demand. This may be accounted for by the completion of several blocks of terrace buildings, some apartments, and not a few private residences which have recently been opened to tenants and which have been universally taken up.

Building

It appears that the building programme of the city has reached a peak during the past month and reports of architectural offices indicate that new and proposed buildings will for some time cause the volume of construction to be maintained at the present level.

It is fortunate for those who have built, and to a certain extent, fortunate for those are contemplating building in the immediate future, that building costs do not exceed those of a year or two ago, in some instances being even lower. Some apprehension is being expressed as to increased tariff on imported building materials but with no definite information this remains a bogey.

Financing

During the past month the market for real estate money requirements has shown a slight stiffening. It seems probable that this has been caused by happenings quite outside of the real estate market and in the opinion of those best situated to judge, will prove but temporary.

The buying of properties on small "bargain money" payments with long contracts for payments of balances has not been in evidence during the past half year, practically all of the deals being for cash payment in full.

Proposed Tariff Changes

Those interested in commerce in Shanghai have been somewhat uneasy over the proposed tariff changes. What effect will this have on Real Estate?

Perhaps it is too early to anticipate this question but those whose business it is to analyse such situations point out that so far as real estate ownership is concerned, although the effect of increased tariff will be small, still, it will be favourable to, at least, owners of industrial property. It appears that a tariff "wall" tends to cause manufacturers to place their plants inside the wall, thus avoiding customs' tariff on manufactured articles and paying the smaller customs' tariff on imported raw materials.

It occurs to us that if in the new tariff, when put into effect, there is a wide differential between tariff rates on manufactured versus raw materials, the effect should be more than slight on the values of land, particularly in the manufacturing districts of this city.

Gold Reserve

Mr. Roy A. Young, Governor of the U.S. Federal Reserve Board who, in addressing the American Bankers Association, declared he did not see any harm in the loss of G.$500,000,000 from the United States gold reserve.

LONDON BULLION

MESSRS. MOCATTA & GOLDSMID'S REPORT OF NOV. 1

Writing under date of November 1, Messrs. Mocatta & Goldsmid in their weekly bullion letter state that the quotations in the silver market have again moved within very narrow limits, and the price has only varied between 26⅝d. and 26 13/16d. Business has not been very active and although the Indian Bazaars and China have both bought, China has also been a seller and there have again been small offerings from the Continent.

The premium on forward remained at ⅛d. until the 26th ult., but has since only been 1/16d. and stocks this week are being considerably reduced by a large shipment to China, mostly of silver bought in August.

Gold

Of the £430,000 South African Gold in the market on the 30th Germany bought £350,000 the balance being absorbed for India and the trade. There was also £200,000 in the market on the 21st from an unknown source, which was taken for Germany. During the week $1,555,000 in bar gold was sold at the Bank of England, of which about £500,000 went to New York and the bulk of the balance to Germany in addition to which £20,000 in sovereigns were taken for Holland.

BALANCE OF TRADE

According to evidence just offered before a Board of Trade inquiry, "there is vogue for bathroom balances at the present time, because fashionable women weigh themselves morning and evening." It is rather useful to know that some branches of industry are stimulated by the modern passion for slimness, for hitherto the evidence has been mostly on the other side. Bakers and confectioners in many parts of the (more of less) civilised world have been complaining that their trade suffers severely from the cult of the lean and lovely; the would-be sylphs cut down their ration of sweets and farinaceous foods, and the confectioner is the loser. But what he loses, apparently the maker of home weighing-machines, gains; in the financial sense, as the bun goes down the balance goes up. In the strictly literal sense it is, of course, also true that the more buns went down the more the tell-tale figures on the balance would rise—which is why the bun is banished.

It must be an anxious business, this night and morning check on anything approaching chubbiness. Presumably the most auspicious of all writings on the wall—or, at any rate, on the wall of a modern bathroom—would now be the famous and once disastrous assurance, "Weighed in the balance and found wanting."—"Manchester Guardian."

THE BONUS

BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO COMPANY

The British-American Tobacco Company has recently announced another bonus for its shareholders, which takes a novel form. The company has formed a new subsidiary, with the title of Tobacco Securities Trust Company, which will own investments in various associated companies of the British-American concern. This new company's authorised capital will amount to £5,000,000 in 4,000,000 Ordinary shares of £1 each and a similar number of Deferred shares of 5s. each. All will be issued except 1,000,000 of the 5s. Deferred shares, and of the issued capital all but 1,000,000 Ordinary shares will be allotted to British-American Tobacco shareholders. The latter will receive one Deferred and one Ordinary share in the new company for every eight shares held in the British-American Company. The British-American Tobacco Company has subscribed in cash for the balance of 1,000,000 Ordinary shares. The Ordinary shares rank for dividend up to 15 per cent., and any surplus is divisible equally between Ordinary and Deferred. The 15 per cent. is non-cumulative.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides, from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Doberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small.

The times of high-and low-water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

Dec. 7 to 13, 1928.

Date	High Water Standard Times	Ht.	Lower Water Standard Times	Ht.
Dec.				
Fri. 7	m 8 9	5.5	m 0 30	4.1
	7 2a	6.2	0 10a	2.6
Sat. 8	m 7 12	5.3	m 1 22	3.4
	7 24a	6.6	0 44 a	3.0
Sun. 9	m 8 11	5.1	m 2 4	2.8
	7 46a	6.9	1 16 a	3.1
Mon. 10	m 9 7	4.9	m 2 43	2.3
	8 9a	7.2	1 47 a	3.3
Tues. 11	m 10 0	4.8	m 3 21	1.9
	8 32a	7.5	2 16 a	3.4
Wed. 12	m 10 51	4.6	m 3 58	1.6
	8 59a	7.8	2 43 a	3.6
Thurs 13	m 11 41	4.5	m 4 36	1.3
	9 27a	7.9	3 7 a	3.8

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

			Nov. 30, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛乸肉	lb.	25	24	12
„ Prime Cut		„	28	23	12
„ Corned	咸牛肉	„	34	23	12
„ Roast	焗牛肉	„	28	24	22
„ Breast	牛腩	„	26	20	18
„ Soup	湯肉	„	24	20	18
„ Steak	牛排	„	28	24	23
„ Steak Sirloin	牛柳	„	40	30	35
„ Sausages	牛腸	„	40	20	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腦	per set	15	10	12
„ Tongue, fresh	牛脷	each	65	50	60
„ Tongue, corned	咸牛脷	„	—	60	—
„ Head	牛頭	„	$1.20	—	$1.20
„ Heart	牛心	lb.	24	13	14
„ Hump, Salt	牛肩峰	„	34	20	18
„ Feet	牛腳	„	34	20	18
„ Kidneys	牛腰	each	10	10	12
„ Tail	牛尾	„	15	10	13
„ Liver	牛肝	„	28	20	22
„ Tripe	牛肚	lb.	24	19	14
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭腳	set	8	6	7
Mutton Chop	羊排	lb.	$1.20	$1.00	$1.00
„ Leg	羊脾	„	46	26	—
„ Shoulder	羊手	„	46	26	—
„ Saddle	羊肉	„	44	24	—
Pig's Chitlings	豬腸	„	46	—	—
„ Brains	豬腦	Per set	80	—	27
„ Feet	豬腳	lb.	8	—	12
„ Fry	豬什	„	15	15	—
„ Head	豬頭	„	28	15	18
„ Heart	豬心	each	18	20	—
„ Kidneys	豬腰	„	15	10	10
„ Liver	豬肝	lb.	48	30	24
Pork Chop	豬排骨	„	36	25	23
„ Leg	豬髀	„	36	—	—
„ Loin	豬扒	„	42	60	70
„ Fat or Lard	豬油	„	26	21	—
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊腳	per set	90	60	70
„ Heart	羊心	each	12	8	7
„ Kidneys	羊腰	„	15	12	10
„ Liver	羊肝	„	46	26	24
Sucking Pigs, to order.	乳豬	lb.	29	25	22
Suet, Beef	牛油	„	30	20	18
„ Mutton	羊油	„	46	26	26
Veal	牛仔肉	„	30	20	20
„ Sausages	牛仔腸	„	32	—	—
„ „ No. 1		„	28	—	—

Fish.

Barbel	鯪魚	lb.	32	16	24
Bream	鯇魚	„	35	20	16
Canton Fresh Water Fish.	省城淡水魚	„	32	13	16
Carp	鯉魚	„	35	16	27
Catfish	鯰魚	„	26	12	9
Codfish	鱈魚	„	42	16	27
Crabs	蟹	„	34	28	26
Cuttle Fish	魷魚	„	28	16	2
Dab		„	25	28	16
Dace	黃顙	„	28	20	—
Dog Fish	海狗肚	„	16	10	8
Eels, Conger	海鰻	„	38	16	—
„ Fresh Water	淡水鰻	„	30	10	18
„ Yellow		„	32	26	30
Frogs	田雞	„	66	32	25
Garoupa	石斑	„	75	40	30
Gudgeon	白鯽	„	25	22	18
Herrings	青魚	„	26	18	23
Halibut	比目魚	„	23	18	15
Labrus	青衣	„	26	22	18
Loach	鰍	„	74	22	24
Lobsters	龍蝦	„	66	32	21
Mackerel	鯖魚	„	20	20	26
Monk Fish	老鴉魚	„	23	13	2
Mullet	鯔魚	„	32	13	2
Oysters	蠔	„	50	16	22
Parrot Fish	鸚公魚	„	25	14	9
Perch	鱸花班	„	33	20	15
Pike		„	18	16	9
Plaice	鰈	„	35	26	29
Pomfret, Black	黑白鯧	„	32	86	30
Pomfret, White		„	35	86	45
Prawns	蝦	„	48	10	14
Ray	魟	„	21	10	14
Rock Fish	石班魚	„	30	18	18
Roach	鱊	„	32	22	10
Salmon	鮭魚	„	70	86	30
Shark	沙魚	„	11	8	10
Skate	鱝魚	„	18	10	10
Shrimps	蝦	„	59	32	30
Snapper	立魚	„	70	26	35
Soles	龍利	„	32	28	28
Tench	丸	„	18	22	18
Turbot	花口	„	36	18	12
Turtles, small, to water	龜	„	1.40	40	—

Poultry.

			Nov. 30, 1928. Cts.	June, 1918. Cts.	June, 1914. Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	50	30	31
Capons, Small	細線雞	„	45	28	30
Capons, Large	肥線雞	„	50	28	30
Duck	鴨	„	40	22	21
Doves	乳鴿	each	25	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞蛋	per doz.	28	18	—
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	新鮮雞蛋	„	35	25	20
Fowls, Canton	本地雞	lb.	65	36	24
Fowls, Hainan	海南雞	„	40	36	24
Geese	鵝	„	45	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	白鴿	each	55	30	—
„ Hollow	海口鴿	„	32	28	—
Turkeys, Cock	火雞公	lb.	75	—	—
Turkeys, Hen	火雞	„	65	51	45
Snipe	沙鷸	each	—	—	—
Pheasant	山雞	pair	2.40	—	—
Quail	鵪鶉	each	25	—	2
Partridges	鷓鴣	„	95	—	—

Fruits.

Almonds	杏仁	lb.	70	35	—
Apples (California)	金山蘋菓	„	22	24	—
Bananas (bride's)	新山香蕉	„	5	4	—
Carambola	楊桃	„	—	12	—
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	10	25	30
Lemons (America)	金山檸檬	each	3	3	—
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	—	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	„	9	—	—
Oranges	橙	„	12	—	15
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	„	—	—	—
Peanuts	花生	„	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	„	—	12	—
Plantain	大蕉	„	4	3	—
Pumelo, Siam	暹羅柚	each	14	12	6
Walnuts	合桃	lb.	22	—	16
Grapes	香提子	„	45	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes	朝鮮竹芝	each	12	—	8
Beans, Sprout	芽菜	lb.	4	—	7
„ Long	豆角	„	—	8	—
Beet Root	紅菜頭	„	—	4	—
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	„	—	24	—
Brinjals, Green	青茄子	„	5	5	9
„ Red	紅茄子	„	6	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	芥菜	„	6	5	—
„ (Shanghai)	上海菜	„	10	12	—
Cane Shoots, bunch	甘蔗筍	„	10	—	—
Cauliflower (Large)	大椰菜花	each	25	—	—
„ (Medium)	中椰菜花	„	20	—	—
„ (Small)	細椰菜花	„	15	6	6
Carrots	金笋	lb.	6	6	6
Celery, Chinese	塘蒿	„	10	10	6
Chillies, Dried	乾辣椒干	„	20	25	5
„ Red	紅辣椒	„	18	10	16
„ Green	青花椒	„	10	8	12
Curry Stuff, English	咖喱材料	„	8	8	—
Cucumbers	青瓜	„	6	2	—
Garlic	蒜頭	„	6	6	6
Ginger, Young	薑干薑	„	10	7	—
„ Old	老薑	„	10	10	—
Horseradish, Shanghai		„	10	8	4
Indian Corn	粟米	„	35	45	—
Lettuce	萵生菜	„	9	1	—
Water Chestnuts	馬蹄	„	5	—	8
„ Mandarin	桂林馬蹄	„	10	—	8
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草菰	„	12	—	3
Okroes		„	—	1	10
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥頭	„	—	8	3
„ Green	生蔥	„	8	4	6
„ Shanghai	上海蔥頭	„	6	6	—
Parsley	芹菜	„	5	60	8
Potato, Sweet	番薯	„	40	8	—
„ Japanese	日本番仔	„	5	8	—
„ American	金山番仔	„	5	3	—
Pumpkin	多瓜	„	5	4	4
Radish	紅蘿蔔仔	„	4	—	—
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大黃菜	„	5	—	10
Shallots	干葱	„	—	—	8
Spinach	菠菜頭	„	10	8	—
Tomatoes	番茄	„	6	4	—
Taros	芋頭	„	12	7	—
Turnips, Punti (Long)	蘿蔔菜	„	5	6	—
Vegetable Marrow	節瓜	„	6	4	—
Water Cress	西洋菜	„	—	15	—
Water Lily Root	蓮藕	„	6	6	—

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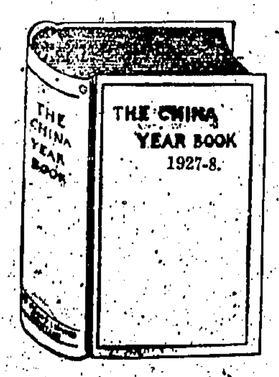

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SMALL-POX

KOWLOON R.A. VIEWS PUT FORWARD

GOVERNMENT REPLIES

Views of the Kowloon Residents' Association on the prevalence of small-pox were put forward yesterday at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board at which the attendance was as follows:—Mr. G. R. Sayer (President), the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North (Secretary for Chinese Affairs), Dr. G. W. Pope (Medical Officer of Health), Dr. W. V. M. Koch, Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, Dr. S. C. Ho, Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. J. Watson (secretary).

Questions tabled by Mr. Braga and the replies of the Head of the Sanitary Department to them were as follow:—

Yaumati Shelter

Question: Owing to the prevalence of small-pox at Kowloon and the unsatisfactory sanitary condition of certain districts thereof, will the Head of the Sanitary Department state:—

Whether he is aware of the existing encroachment of the stone jetty, to the north of Kowloon Marine Lot 49 and forming the southern arm of the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, by fifty odd hovels, made up of old 'slipper' boats, matting and short lengths of canvas, which are used as the habitations of a large number of 'human derelicts' who should be taken care of by existing charitable organisations?

Reply: My attention had not previously been drawn to these erections as, owing to their complete segregation from the town, they had escaped the notice of the District Inspector. I am advised that the age and description of the occupants make it very improbable that they are connected with the recent cases of small-pox: but that it would be a wise precaution to allow them to remain in their present isolation for the time being.

Question: Were these habitations pitched up under licence, and, if so, by whom and under what authority were the licences granted to the permittees?

Question: What conditions are attached to the licences?

Replies: I understand they are not licensed and can accordingly be removed at any time.

Question: If the erections are unauthorised, what steps is it proposed to take for their removal and the better housing of their inhabitants—toothless men and women—old and well stricken in age'?",

—Reply: This will be referred to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and the Tung Wah Hospital.

Explanation

Mr. Braga said:—I would like to say a few words in explanation. My questions on the condition of the stone jetty at Yaumati were asked at the instance of the Kowloon Residents' Association and after a visit to the site in company with the hon. secretary of the Association, Mr. C. M. Manners. In the opinion of the Committee of the K.R.A. the insanitary condition of the jetty is a real menace to public health in Kowloon, especially at a time when the outbreak of small-pox shows no sign of abating and the practice of dumping dead bodies of victims of the disease is persisted in.

In addition to the condition revealed in my questions the Committee of the Association desire me to point out that the jetty in question is allowed to be used as a sort of depot for all kinds of rubbish even to a big heap of clam shells at the head of the pier which is enclosed with a sort of low bamboo fencing to serve as a small poultry run for the rearing of chickens. This is the sort of thing that the K.R.A. consider should not be permitted; but that the fine broad 40-ft. surface of the jetty for its whole length of 500 feet together with the 500 feet of road to Waiching-street should be kept clear and free from objectionable obstructions so that it can be utilised as a promenade in a very densely populated district in Kowloon thus tending to secure more hygienic conditions on the Peninsula.

Sewer Outlet

Other questions by Mr. Braga and the Government spokesman's replies were:—

Question: Will the Head of the Sanitary Department inform the Board if periodical inspections are made of the condition of the harbour around the sewer outlet in front of Kowloon Marine Lot 49?

Reply: Periodical inspection of this sewer outlet, in common with other sewer outlets, is made by the drainage authority to ascertain that it is functioning properly.

Question: If so, will he lay the latest report of those inspections on the table for the information of members of the Board?

Reply: Written reports are not made; but I am informed by the drainage authority that the condition described in question 3 was observed on the last inspection.

Question: Is the Medical Offier of Health aware that large quantities of human exoreta are discharged from the said sewer and remain floating at the base of the stone jetty off Wai Ching-street?

Reply: The Medical Officer of Health inspected recently and reports that the conditions are no doubt affected by the state of the tide, though he personally observed no pollution.

Question: Will he state whether this obnoxious collection of nauseating matter is detrimental to public health?

Reply: He does not consider that the condition as reported constitutes a public danger.

Question: Will the Government devise means for the discharge of sewage from the Yaumati district to a point beyond the stone jetty where the tide can disperse it?

Reply: The question of extending the sewer is receiving attention: but the question is a difficult one as it is possible that an extension of the sewer would increase the risk of the discharge actually entering the refuge.

Mr. Braga then pointed out that on the occasion of his visit to the locality the collection of solid matter was positively offensive. The formation of the jetty formed a sort of *cul de sac*, he said, and prevented such solid matter from being washed out.

Pollution

Question: With a view to minimising the danger of polluting the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, is there any good reason why the garbage chute should not be removed from its present position at the bottom of Saigon-street to a point, outside the Shelter, to the North of it where the motor refuse lorries can discharge their loads into the Sanitary Department barges?

Reply: The Saigon-street dust station is excellently situated for our existing system of refuse removal, and the danger of pollution can be disregarded.

Question: Will the Government consider the advisability of such removal at an early date?

Reply: It is not proposed to remove this station.

Question: Will the Government cause investigations to be made into the success or otherwise of existing incinerators in large industrial establishments in the Colony for the destruction of refuse with a view to its adoption by the Government?

Reply: I am not aware that any large industrial establishment in the Colony employs incinerators on any considerable scale for the destruction of refuse; but if the member will give me names and addresses, I shall be glad to investigate.

Mr. Braga: Will you please see the Kowloon Docks.

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SHIPPING SECTION.

LIGHTING A WRECK

ACTIONS AGAINST PURCHASER AND OTHER

EVENTFUL STORY

Eventful, in litigation, was the story of the attempts to recover a wreck told to Mr. Justice Roche, in the Commercial Court, when his lordship heard two actions arising out of the fate of the steamship "Prinses Juliana," sunk near Felixstowe after she struck a mine on February 1, 1916. Efforts to raise her and negotiations which cluminated in these actions went on for 10 years.

In the upshot her owners, the Zeeland Shipping Company, of Flushing, sued Mr. Frederick William Horlock, of Mistley, Essex, to whom they sold the wreck for £800, for breach of a contract of June 16, 1916, to indemnify them for the lighting and buoying of the wreck by Trinity House, and Mr. Horlock, who in turn in the May following sold it to Mr. Isachsen for £8,000, sued Mr. Isachsen, contending that he passed on to him any such responsibility, if there was one. Mr. Horlock at that time had spent £6,000 on the wreck in attempts to raise it, and he was to spend £2,000 more. Mr. Horlock's purchasers—Mr. Isachsen was head of a syndicate—in December, 1920, sold the wreck for £200, to be dispersed. It was not dispersed, and the original Dutch owners paid Trinity House £1,500 for the permanent marking and lighting of the "Prinses Juliana." This they sought to recover from Mr. Horlock.

In the end his Lordship found that the first plaintiffs were entitled to the refund of that amount from Mr. Horlock, and that Mr. Horlock did not pass on his liability in respect thereof to his purchaser, Mr. Isachsen.

Counsel in the cases were Mr. E. Aylmer Digby, K.C., and Mr. E. A. Beecroft for the first owners, instructed by Mr. C. J. Sharpe; Mr. George Langton, K.C., and Mr. James Dickson for Mr. Horlock, instructed by Messrs. Thomas Cooper and Co.; while Mr. W. R. Howard held a watching brief for Mr. Isachsen, instructed by Messrs. Botterell and Roche.

Ordered to Wait

Because it was doubted whether the steamship, after her accident, would make Harwich the naval authorities ordered her to wait, and so she went down near Felixstowe. Their representatives, Messrs. Baring Bros. and Co., Ltd., agreed with Trinity House, in order to undertake salvage, that they would light and mark and reimburse Trinity House for doing so; in addition, they agreed that if the wreck should be moved to a position where it would be a danger to navigation they would indemnify Trinity House for the expense they would be put to in dealing with the wreck. Mr. Digby said Mr. Horlock when he bought agreed to indemnify the Zeeland Shipping Co. for any outlay Trinity House might incur in lighting, marking, or moving the wreck, or any part of it. It was not until 1926 that Trinity House called on the original owners to disperse the wreck or pay them for so doing, and by an arrangement at a meeting Trinity House in July of that year agreed to mark the wreck instead for £1,500, a lower figure, it was said, though Mr. Horlock contended that it was larger, and the steamship company ought not to have made such an arrangement; in addition, he urged that the payment was not an outlay by Trinity House for "lighting, marking, or moving the wreck or any part of it." As the Zeeland Steamship Co. had given Trinity House, a guarantee up to £10,000, their managing director, who consulted the Dutch lighting authorities on the offer, thought he had done well to settle for £1,500.

Cost of Dispersal

At the time, the chief accountant to Trinity House, Mr. Roy H. Thompson, told the court in the course of evidence that the cost of dispersal to Trinity House would have been at least £4,000. He divided the £1,500 into—cost of buoy and mooring £260, annual maintenance fund £1,000, and sinking fund for renewals £240. To date, since 1921, when the wreck was buoyed, the actual cost was £200. It was expected a lighted buoy would sometimes be required.

Mr. Horlock told the court he had seen other wrecks disappear in this locality, and he did not look for any need to buoy permanently. The bridge and three upper decks had disappeared, three-quarters of the steamer had gone; it must have sunk into the mud 12 feet, and there had been attempts to disperse by the last purchasers, and the fore part had been split. He should put the cost of dispersal at between £500 and £1,000. He calculated that not a vestige would remain in another ten years. He thought a wide clause, when he sold, was wider than the original indemnity.

Two members of the syndicate who bought the wreck said they had no recollection of any mention of the indemnity clause.

The Judgment

Mr. Justice Roche in his judgment found that by his contract when he purchased Mr. Horlock agreed to indemnity his sellers for the outlay of Trinity House in marking, lighting or removing the wrecking, and that by the intention of the agreement the outlay could be capitalised to terminate once and for all the Zeeland Shipping Co.'s liability and to fix it on Mr. Horlock. The bankers, when in the first instance they concluded their guarantee with Trinity House, agreed to indemnify that authority against all expenses incurred or likely to be incurred in lighting or marking the danger. The expenses covered by that guarantee would and did ultimately include expenses on removing or dispersing the wreck. When, on May 7, 1917, Mr. Horlock sold the wreck to the syndicate he had spent £6,000 in the endeavour to raise it. The result of his efforts was inconclusive, but not such as to make him despair. Under the terms of the sale Mr. Horlock was paid £8,000 by the syndicate; £6,000 went into his pocket, and he was to spend £2,000 in continuing salvage operations. The terms of the contract contained a division as to the past and present liabilities, but his lordship did not think that Mr. Horlock had made it clear to his purchasers that he was transferring to them his liability, which the court had found, for the marking of the wreck. He did not think his recollection so good as Mr. Isachsen's and he did not think the terms of the agreement entered into with Mr. Isachsen could be so interpreted as to make this expenditure an affair of Mr. Isachsen's, and so, as far as Mr. Isachsen was concerned, there must be judgment with costs, in his favour in the action brought against him.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS

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The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on Dec. 1, and is due here on Dec. 20. She will sail for Manila on Dec. 21 at 5 p.m.

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DRYDOCKING

LACK OF ADEQUATE N. Y. FACILITIES

SITUATION DISCUSSED

The question of better dry docking facilities for the port is again looming largely here, state New York advices, and the Port Authority has renewed its recommendations for the erection of a dry dock of sufficient size to accommodate the largest liners entering the harbour.

The situation was discussed by Mr. John F. Galvin, chairman of the Authority, under whose direction a survey was made last winter at the request of the New Jersey Legislature to determine the need for improved docking facilities. As a result of this survey a location between Fort Lee and Bayonne on the westerly waterfront of the harbour was recommended. Bills were introduced at both "Trenton" and "Albany" to carry out the purposes of the survey, but they were not acted upon prior to adjournment.

The Port Authority's report, which may be brought to the notice of the two States again next winter, developed considerable data bearing on drydock facilities at the port of New York and elsewhere. Among other things, it was pointed out by Mr. Galvin, there is a provision in the Federal Customs law which requires a 50 per cent. duty to be paid on all repair bills incurred by vessels in foreign ports. This results in their normally being drydocked in domestic ports.

Because of the inadequate facilities in New York Harbour the "Leviathan" had to be sent to Boston twice a year drydocking, and the resulting extra expense exceeds £6,400 a year. This amount is in addition to the actual drydock and repair bill, which added has amounted to over £274,800 for this one ship alone since February, 1924. "That money would have been spent in the port of New York if there had been a suitable drydock here," Mr. Galvin added.

Large vessels are normally drydocked about twice a year for examination, scraping, and painting of hull, and each such occasion requires the use of a drydock for about two days. If there is repair work to be done this time is extended. The amount of such additional use is not determinable, and would depend entirely upon the nature and magnitude of the repairs necessary. An official of the United States Lines has estimated that his three vessels would require the use of a drydock about 30 days a year for normal purposes.

Only in Emergencies

Representatives of all of the foreign lines operating the largest ships have expressed a desire for a drydock in this port capable of taking their vessels, though admitting that they would probably use it only in emergencies. There is some indication that because of this great need, the Port Authority would find it reasonable to request these lines to contribute annual payments to insure having an emergency facility available. No commitments have been made, however, and this matter would require negotiation.

"Informed opinion seems to be unanimous," according to the Port Authority chairman, "that New York should have adequate facilities for taking care of the largest ships which come here, particularly since this is the only port of call in the United States. Other North Atlantic ports have drydock facilities that will take care of these ships but because the great majority of them are under foreign registry, they will make every effort to return to their own ports for drydocking rather than be put to inconvenience, delays, and additional expense of proceeding to an American output.

"Undoubtedly there would be times when some of these vessels would use such a facility if available in this port, providing they could get in and out quickly and not miss a scheduled sailing. The underwriters would probably insist that such use be made in many instances if only for examination. Such foreign vessels now are usually able to obtain a certificate of seaworthiness and return to their home ports because of the lack of convenient and suitable drydock facilities on this side of the Atlantic.

"Taking into account channel, ice, storm, and tide conditions, the westerly or New Jersey shore of upper New York Bay and the Hudson River between Bayonne and Fort Lee seems to offer the most desirable locations. Locations are available in Bayonne, Jersey City, Weehawken, and North Bergen, but no specific location can be recommended without thorough engineering surveys."

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EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
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TALMA	10,000	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SANTHIA	7,754	26th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,006	5th Feb.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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*TRESILLIAN	—	17th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*GAZANA	5,281	21st Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	21st Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*ALIPORE	5,273	1st Jan.	Moji & Kobe.
SANTHIA	7,754	2nd Jan.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MOREA	10,953	4th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARAFURA	6,000	8th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TILAWA	10,006	13th Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KASHGAR	9,005	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*PADUA	5,907	18th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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A PIRACY

A STEAMER ATTACKED NEAR MACAO

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The Chinese s.s. "Wong Shek Kung" was pirated in the vicinity of Macao early yesterday morning. The vessel returned to Hong Kong yesterday afternoon, when a report of the affair was made to the local police by the master, Captain Nils Harring.

According to Captain Harring, the vessel left Hong Kong at about 10 p.m., on Monday. She had on board, besides the Captain, two Chinese deck officers and three Chinese engineer officers, and a crew of 44 Chinese. In addition, she carried 12 Chinese passengers and 200 tons of cargo, comprising flour, vegetables, fruits and gunny bags consigned to Saigon.

Everything went well until 3 a.m., yesterday, when the vessel was about 20 miles south-west of Gap Rock. Then six pirates who had boarded the ship as passengers, assisted by five members of the stokehold staff, overran the ship, armed with revolvers and knives.

Captain Tied to His Bed

Captain Harring was taken to his room where he was tied to his bed. The second officer and the quartermaster were also bound. The rest of the crew and the compradore and his staff were driven into the forecastle where they were imprisoned.

The pirates then took the ship to San Lung Island, some 30 miles south-west of Macao, which was reached at 7 a.m. Here they went ashore, taking with them a quantity of jewellery and other effects stolen from the passengers, officers and crew, and 50 tons of flour and fruits which were removed from the cargo hold. The total value of the loot is estimated at $5,000.

As soon as the pirates left the ship, Captain Harring made tracks back to Hong Kong.

The s.s. "Wong Shek Kung" which is registered in Canton and flies the Chinese flag, is owned by the Wong Hang Hing S.S. Co., of No. 58A, Bonham-strand West. She has a tonnage of 1,044.

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INCREASED APPROPRIATIONS APPROVED

Washington, Yesterday.

The Naval Committee has approved several bills sponsored by the chairman, Mr. Britten, authorising an increased appropriation for the modernisation of the battleships "California," "Oklahoma," and "Nevada," and the construction of two fleet submarines.—Reuter's American Service.

PASSENGER LIST.

DEPARTURES.

Passengers departed by the Dollar Liner "Pres. Cleveland" from Hong Kong for Seattle on December 11 were:—

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T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	CHAKSANG	Sun.,	23rd Dec. at 7 a.m.
T'tau via S'tow & S'hai	FOOSHING	Wed.,	26th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri.,	14th Dec. at 7 a.m.
Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Sat.,	22nd Dec. at Noon
Straits & Calcutta	HOSANG	Mon.,	17th Dec. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Fri.,	4th Jan. at 3 p.m.
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All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th inst. or they will not be recognised.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st January, 1929, or they will not be recognised.

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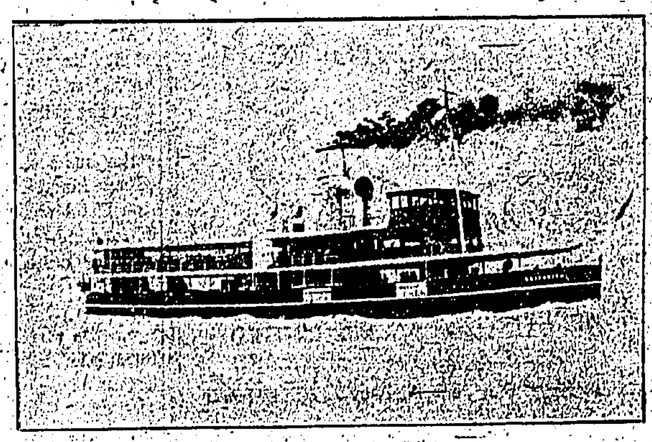

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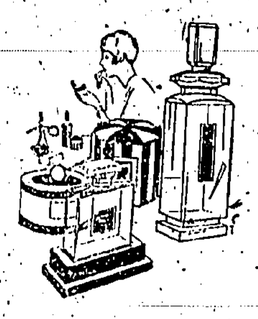

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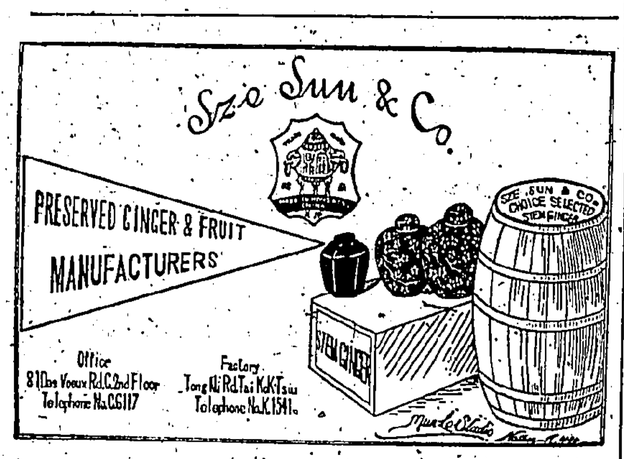

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KOWLOON TO-DAY AND YESTERDAY

The formal opening yesterday in Kowloon of the magnificent Peninsula Hotel of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., serves as a fitting opportunity for us to make special reference to our rapidly expanding suburb—or should it not now be "sister" city? Kowloon is undoubtedly fast developing towards city proportions, and it is only a matter of time when it will compare quite favourably with any city in the Far East and eclipse many that are now regarded as pretentiously as splendid as not a few cities in the West. A dozen years ago or even less Kowloon was little more than an ordinary sized village, and when its fine central thoroughfare, Nathan-road, and a few adjoining streets had been traversed there was little more to be seen of it. Its population was easily housed within a mile's radius from the railway, there was not a motor car in the place, not a motor bus and not many vehicles of any kind. For years the Station Hotel was the only building of its kind, and it was then apparently quite large enough for Kowloon's requirements. With the close of the War, ten years ago, the plans that had been formulated regarding Kowloon's expansion were gradually realised, until to-day we have a very different place—a city instead of a village, and one that gives promise of even vaster dimensions in the not distant future. And nothing has changed so strikingly as the buildings. A decade ago there was not a large edifice of any kind, away from the water front, and buildings such as the splendid structure of the Young Men's Christian Society, the Kowloon Hotel and one or two others of almost similar size, to say nothing of Kowloon's theatre were regarded as almost unthinkable.

But these have now been completely eclipsed by the erection of an hotel—the Peninsula Hotel—which for size, general appearance, modern equipment and service in every respect compares favourably with any hotel in any part of the world. As the Shanghai premises of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation are by far the finest structure of its kind in the Far East and well worthy of comparison with any similar institution in either London or New York to say nothing of smaller capitals, so is Kowloon's new hotel; there is no hotel in the Far East and few either in New York or London that surpass or even vie with it. Its external appearance is imposing enough, but its internal splendour is a perfect revelation. To make it up-to-date, comfortable and artistic in every way, no expense appears to have been spared. It is truly magnificent, so much so that Kowloon, much as it has developed during the past few years, will have to forge ahead to a far greater extent to come anything near the standard set by this magnificent hotel.

We believe that Kowloon will ultimately rise to the occasion. With the coming of the Peninsula Hotel has also come Kowloon's first bank, as the portion of the ground floor of the west wing which fronts immediately on to Salisbury-road has been taken by the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. The bank's premises will, of course, be quite in keeping with the rest of the building and thus Kowloon residents and the large number of tourists that are certain to be attracted to the new hotel will be able to conduct their banking business in premises worthy of the best traditions of the great institution of which this is the latest branch. What Kowloon now seems mostly to require is a post office worthy of its new glories, for if not now then very soon the insignificant little structure that has so far served its day and generation will be unquestionably hopelessly inadequate. As already has proved to be the case, the magnificent Peninsula Hotel will continue to prove an excellent example of what can be done and most probably will be done as Kowloon continues to expand.

Holding Up Evacuation

Thanks to yesterday's cables, we are now in possession of an interesting sidelight concerning those two grave and important problems, the evacuation of the Rhineland and war reparations. The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham, answering criticisms in the Upper House as to Britain's attitude in these matters, revealed to an extent what is holding up an amicable settlement between the two countries most concerned, France and Germany. It is, it seems, the interpretation of a particular Article of the Peace Treaty. France is unable to accept the German judicial view of the meaning of Article 431, which is now a matter of "acute disagreement between the two parties." Britain, it also appears from the Lord Chancellor's remarks, is doing all in her power to facilitate the early evacuation of the Rhineland, although, as Mr. G Locker-Lampson, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, informed the Labour member, Colonel Wedgwood, she has no intention of declaring an opinion that evacuation and reparations were linked up, which is the French view. It may be taken for granted that our envoy at Lugano, Sir Austen Chamberlain, is working wholeheartedly with M. Briand and Herr Stresemann for a solution to these major problems and that any profession of opinion favouring one side or the other would be liable to undo whatever progress has been made in the nature of an agreement between Germany and France. The British Foreign Secretary's endeavour, as emphasised by Lord Hailsham, to transfer the discussion from the plane of arid legal argument into a more practical sphere is a noteworthy one, and it must be the wish of all who have the peace of Europe at heart that he may succeed in full measure.

At a shareholders' meeting complaint was made against a director because he was 86. It seems a little unfair that that fact alone should be considered a damning disqualification. The passage of years may not make the inefficient efficient, but it does not necessarily turn a shrewd man of business into a doddering imbecile. — "Daily News" (London).

The forthcoming marriage is announced of Mr. C. I. Farmer, Douglas S.S. Co., Ltd., residing at No. 533, The Peak, to Miss D. Goodman, of Tantallon-terrace, Kowloon Docks.

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., general agents and managers, send a strong desk calendar on behalf of the Canton Insurance Office, Ltd., and the Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

The final dress rehearsal of the H. K. Philharmonic Society's forthcoming production, "Tom Jones," will take place in the Theatre Royal at 9 o'clock to-night instead of at the time previously notified.

Twenty-two Chinese cases of small-pox were notified to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday, 16 being from the Kowloon registration district and six from the city. There was also a Chinese case of diphtheria from the city.

A Chinese who was charged with the possession of opium other than Government was this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy fined $2,400 or six months. The opium was found concealed around defendant by a girdle. He was arrested in Saigon-street yesterday.

Passengers aboard the "President Cleveland" yesterday when the vessel left for Seattle via Ports included:—Mrs. Gordon Yates, wife of the local agent of the Prince Line, travelling to Shanghai; Mr. and Mrs. Mei Lan-fang, the famous Chinese actor, returning to the North after a very successful season in Hong Kong and Canton; Mr. H. G. Mende, of Messrs. Reuters, Ltd., travelling to Shanghai; and Mr. J. E. Coulthart, attached to the local office of the Hong Kong Rope Co., travelling to Japan.

The Bazaar Committee of St. Vincent de Paul have pleasure in acknowledging receipt of the following further donations and gifts to the bazaar held on the 9th instant:—Mr. J. M. de Castro Basto $20, Mr. Choy Hing $5, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin $5, Anonymous $1, Italian Convent 100 useful articles, St. Francis Convent, Wanchai, 25 articles of needlework, The Sun Co. handkerchiefs and stockings, Kowloon Confectionery, one lot of confectionery, Sincere Co. toilet articles, Dolly Varden House 1 hat, Misses Loureiro valuable gifts, Blue Bird Co. potato chips and sweets, Messrs. Churchill and Tait, of the "Manila Shows" for loan of games.

SPITE ALLEGED

PRINTING CO. SELLS UP TEA HOUSES

PARTNERSHIP ISSUE

Spite was alleged by Mr. F. E. Nash (solicitor) to be the cause of an action heard in the Summary Court yesterday against one of his clients.

Plaintiffs were the Wai Kee sailmakers of No. 129, Des Vœux-road Central. Defendants were the Luk Yuen Kui tea-house, No. 142, Queen's-road East, and Mr. Tsang Kok-ng, trading as Fai Kok Tong (a partner in the tea-house), whose address was given as c/o the Wing Fat Printing Co., Ltd., No. 149, Wing Lok-street.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for plaintiffs. Mr. Nash for Mrs. Tsang. The tea-house defendants were not represented.

Execution Process

Mr. Nash said that two tea-houses, including the Luk Yuen Kui, had been managed by a Mr. Leung Ching-chuen. Both tea-houses had been sold up under writs for execution taken out by the Wing Fat Printing Co., Ltd., with which Mr. Tsang is connected. And Mr. Leung Ching-chuen was to be the principal witness for plaintiffs in this action.

Mr. Russ explained that Mr. Leung Ching-chuen was attending under subpoena.

After evidence was heard, the case was adjourned. The only issue is whether Mr. Tsang was a partner in the Luk Yuen Kui tea-house.

COOLIE'S DEATH

THE SHOOTING FATALITY IN THE NEW TERRITORIES

JURY'S FINDING

Yesterday afternoon Mr. E. W. Hamilton and a Coroner's jury held an inquiry into the death of a coolie employed by Dr. Mauchaido, of the Japanese Hospital at Wanchai.

In directing the jury, the Coroner said that during a shooting expedition in the New Territories, the deceased (Lam Ying) was shot in the abdomen by a gun shot from a sporting gun.

There were only three things for the jury to consider. Firstly, they will have to decide, on the medical evidence, how the deceased met his death; secondly, whether death was caused accidentally or by such negligence which would amount to manslaughter; and thirdly, whether death was due to foul play, in which case there would be a verdict of murder.

How the Accident Happened

After formal evidence had been given by Dr. Newton and Sub-Inspector Chester-Woods, Dr. Mauchaido went into the witness box where he gave an account of his movements on the morning of November 24 last.

He said that he left Hong Kong at 4.30 a.m., and drove to Castle Peak by car, arriving there at 6.20 a.m.

On leaving the road witness proceeded to walk into the fields, Lam Ying (witness' ricsha coolie) following behind. After going for a short distance, witness saw a bird fly across his path in the direction of a bush on his right. Witness followed the bird round with his gun and then fired. He immediately heard a cry of pain and on investigating found Lam Ying lying on the ground behind the bush. He had been shot in the stomach.

Witness at once realised that immediate medical attention was necessary and had the coolie taken to the Castle Peak Police Station, where the accident was reported. The coolie was hurried to Hospital.

The accident occurred at about 6.30 a.m.

The Coroner remarked to the jury that the deceased was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital one hour after the accident.

After deceased's brother had deposed that Dr. Mauchaido had always been very good to Lam Ying, the jury intimated that they were satisfied that the affair was an accident and returned a verdict to that effect without hearing further evidence.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Kent" (flagship) and H.M.S. "Berwick" (both 10,000 ton cruisers) are due to arrive in port at 3 p.m. to-day on returning from Yokohama, the last port in the cruise in Japanese waters.

H.M.S. "Suffolk" arrived at Woosung yesterday from Yokohama.

H.M.S. "Hermes" arrived at Manila yesterday from Kudat.

Teacher (sternly): "This essay on 'Our Dog' is word for word the same as your brother's."

Small boy: "Yes, sir; it's the same dog."

P'RAPS-P'RAPS NOT!

Mistress: "You haven't cleaned a thing this morning?"

Maid: "No, I haven't even had time to dirty anything."

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Customer (to watchmaker): I told you that my watch lost half an hour every day, and now that you have repaired it, it gains half an hour every day.

Watchmaker: Well, don't complain. It's only working to catch up lost time.

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A Scottish minister chanced to meet two of his parishioners in the office of a lawyer, whom he regarded as being too sharp.

The lawyer, jocularly, and very graciously, put the question:

"Doctor, these are members of your flock; may I ask, do you look upon them as black or white sheep?"

"I don't know," said the divine dryly, "whether they are black or white sheep, but I know if they are here long they are pretty sure to be well fleeced!"

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Applicant for situation: "I've come erbout that 'ere job wot was advertised."

Employer: "Well, and can you do the work?"

Applicant (in great alarm): "Work! Why, I thort it was a foreman yer wanted!"

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Mr. Jenks sat in his armchair reading his paper, when his wife returned home from her club. Her lips were set, and a red glow was on her countenance.

"I was outspoken in my sentiments at the club to-night," she said.

Jenks dropped his paper and opened his eyes wide. "I can scarcely believe it," he remarked, looking her straight in the face. "Who outspoke you?"

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Little Edna came home from her first visit to Sunday school carrying a small bag of sweets.

"Why, Edna, where did you get the sweets" asked her mother.

Edna looked up in surprise. "I bought them with the penny you gave me," she said. "The vicar met me at the door and got me in for nothing."

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"My little daughter is remarkably clever," said Mrs. Booster. "She has learnt to play the piano in no time. Isn't that so, Mrs. Nearby?"

"Yes," confirmed Mrs. Nearby, who was her next-door neighbour. "I have often heard her playing in that way."

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They sat at table, he and she, and gazed into each other's eyes, whilst he mechnically consumed the food which was set before him.

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"Ah," she said, "I am glad you like it. Mother says there are only two things I can make properly—potato salad and marmalade tart."

"Indeed," he replied, "and which is this?"

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Hart: "What do you think of Tetler? Honesty seems printed on his face."

Smart: "Ye—es. With some allowance for typographical errors, of course."

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"Give me a kiss," he pleaded.

She made no reply.

"Won't you please give me a kiss?" he asked again.

Still no answer.

"Please, please, kiss me!" he begged.

And still no reply.

"I say, are you deaf?" he roared.

"No," she snapped. "Are you paralysed?"

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Young Jones was a motor maniac through and through, and this is the sort of stuff he got off his chest when he proposed to pretty Ethyl Coates.

"Ethyl, darling, will you marry me? Do not, I beg of you, start so suddenly; I ought not to have accelerated so quickly, but the very sight of you causes my heart to miss. You are such a delightful little model, and your headlights dazzle me so that I'm incapable of braking.

"Do not, darling, think me a crank, and do not forget, dear, that you will either make or break me by your answer. You tax me even now by your mute silence, or may be it is that you are absorbing the shock my abrupt clutching has given you.

"I do hope, darling, that I have generated some little reciprocatory feeling within your bonnet, for I confess that if you refuse to drive along Life's Highway with me, I shall run on too strong a mixture and shall speed quickly to the final scrap-heap!"

PENINSULA HOTEL

Yesterday's Opening Ceremony

LARGE NUMBER OF RESIDENTS PRESENT

Building's Magnificence Greatly Admired

A large and distinguished gathering was present yesterday afternoon, when His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.) performed the ceremony of opening the new Peninsula Hotel in Kowloon, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.

His Excellency, who was accompanied by Mrs. Southorn, arrived promptly at 4.30 p.m., and was received at the main doorway by Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman of Directors, who escorted His Excellency and party to a dais at one end of the spacious ground floor Lobby, where speeches were made.

Afterwards the official party, followed by the entire gathering, proceeded to the top floor where tea was served in the Banqueting Hall. The Hotel's Orchestra was in attendance in the adjoining Roof Garden, where many of the visitors enjoyed dancing on the beautiful spring floor.

Delightful music was also provided by the Band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers on the first floor terrace.

Mr. Taggart, Chairman and Managing Director of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., in addressing the gathering, said:—

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The extremely pleasant duty has been assigned to me of extending, on behalf of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited, a very hearty welcome to Your Excellency and Mrs. Southorn, and of offering to both of you an expression of our keen appreciation and thanks for the honour you are bestowing upon us, and the kindly assistance you are according to us in formally opening to-day this most recent addition to our chain of hostelries in the Far East.

If I may be permitted to say so, I think that this edifice may justly be regarded as not only a worthy addition to the amenities of the every day life of the residents of this Colony, but also (in view of its location at the gate-way of this great port and the fact that it is superlatively equipped for its particular sphere of activity) as an establishment which may fairly be expected to enhance the popularity of the Colony by affording to transient visitors thereto attractions in the way of comfort and facilities hitherto unobtainable here.

It would be a poor tribute to Your Excellency's kindness in honouring us as you are doing to-day, were I to mar the occasion by a lengthy technical dissertation on the innumerable details which have been so ably carried out by the architects and contractors responsible for the work. The courtesy of the local Press has already enabled us to present through that medium comprehensive publicity for this Hotel and much descriptive matter of the various special features comprised therein. Moreover, a tour through the Hotel, which we shall at all times be pleased to arrange, will afford a much better idea of its attractions.

The Hotel Superintendent

I cannot, however, refrain from availing myself of this opportunity—the most fitting occasion for the purpose—of thanking and congratulating the Company's Hotel Superintendent, Mr. J. P. Bourne, on the result of the stupendous amount of labour he has bestowed on the multifarious details relating to the equipment of this establishment and its service. His unrelaxed efforts—which have covered a very extended period of time—in planning and supervising the infinite variety of minute details involved are very largely responsible for our being able to present to you to-day an establishment containing the most modern hotel equipment and hygienic appliances to an extent without parallel in this part of the world.

During Construction

The Peninsula Hotel has, during the period of its construction, experienced a somewhat chequered career, in that much has happened to delay its progress towards the realisation of the hopes of those responsible for its inception, its erection and the ceremony which Your Excellency is so kindly performing. I would like to mention here that the last incident in the foregoing relation is one upon which we look back with feelings of pride. I refer to the many months during which we had the honour of housing a large portion of H. M. Forces, forming part of the Expeditionary Force despatched hither by the Home Government during the troublous times in the early part of 1927.

An Essential Maxim

In conclusion I desire to voice to Your Excellency the great pleasure afforded to us by the fact that you are supported in your task to-day by the presence of Mrs. Southorn, who, as is well known throughout the Colony, never begrudges the assistance her charming personality lends to occasions such as this. In businesses of the nature of that in which our Company is engaged, it is an essential maxim that hotel executives and their assistants should be imbued to the full with instincts of kindly hospitality and ability to render cheerful service unsparingly, and I would like to add that we all realise that, in addition to the good fortune we are experiencing in being accorded the privilege of the presence of Your Excellency and of Mrs. Southorn at this our opening ceremony, we have, by reason thereof, an ideal example of the exercise of the principles of the maxim to which I have made reference, and, if I may be excused for saying so in Your Excellency's presence, we regard that of Mrs. Southorn as an omen which augurs well for our future success in our operation of the Peninsula Hotel. (Applause).

His Excellency's Speech

His Excellency the Governor, in formally declaring the building open said:—

Mr. Taggart, Ladies and Gentlemen,—I have first to thank Mr. Taggart for the very hearty welcome he has given to my wife and myself and for the very kind references he has made to us both. I am sure, ladies and gentlemen, we have done nothing to deserve thanks, for it has been a matter of great pleasure to us both to be present and to assist at so historic a ceremony as the opening of the finest hotel, not merely in Hong Kong, but in the Far East.

As Mr. Taggart has said, this is not the occasion for a detailed description of this really magnificent building. Time would not permit one to do justice to it, and I recommend everyone present to accept Mr. Taggart's invitation to make a tour of the premises and then to re-read the admirable description of the hotel which appeared in the Press last week.

But there are one or two points which I feel I must mention for I have already carried out my own advice. First I would bring to your notice the amazing care which has been lavished by the proprietors on their efforts to attain a completely hygienic hotel. No detail has been too small and no expenditure too great where the question of the health of the guests is concerned, and so far as human foresight can go, there can be no place in the world where the diner can eat his food with a greater faith in the purity of its preparation than in the Peninsula Hotel. Opinions may differ as to architecture and decoration; some may prefer a Spartan simplicity, some the sumptuousness of an eastern palace—but there can be no two opinions as to the arrangements made for the hygienic cleanliness of the hotel and everything connected with it.

"No Mention"

And then I notice one serious omission in Mr. Taggart's remarks, viz., that there is no mention of Mr. Taggart. Now, ladies and gentlemen, I do not wish to detract in any way from the skill and ability of Mr. Bourne and of the architects and the contractors, to all of whom has been paid a tribute they so well deserve, but the fact remains that without Mr. Taggart there would have been no Peninsula Hotel. As the newspapers put it, his has been the inspiring mind behind the creation of the Peninsula Hotel. From the very start in 1921 through all the troubled period which has intervened down to the present day it has been Mr. Taggarts' courageous optimism which has carried the project through to its present magnificent consummation.

It has often struck me that Hong Kong affords a striking example of the courage and optimism of our predecessors. If there is one thing more than another which strikes a newcomer to Hong Kong, it is the size, the solidity and the boldness of so many of our buildings. Our predecessors were men who saw visions and dreamed dreams, or they could never in the sixties have conceived the idea, for instance, of the City Hall, which must in its day have been one of the finest civic buildings East of Suez. But for

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"I AM WITH YE!"

"KING OF KINGS" HERE AGAIN

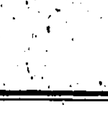
AT QUEEN'S THEATRE

This wonderful film has returned to Hong Kong and is now showing at the Queen's by popular request. This is an opportunity which should not be missed for the picture appeals to young and old alike. The art of photography has been exerted to its utmost to put before the world a reverent and beautiful account of the last year of the life of Jesus Christ on earth. In parts the film is beautifully coloured and always it is acted with a quiet dignity. One scene especially is worthy of mention. It is the beautiful and vivid sunrise. This has been so well coloured as to make it seem almost real.

Many of the scenes are very spectacular, crowds being arranged in artistic settings. And, perhaps the most lovely of all is the wonderful fade out, for it would seem that in that simple line is contained the message of the whole picture. "I am with Ye always."

The picture is being shown to-day for the last time.

RAMON NOVARRO



SEEN IN EXCITING FILM

AT THE WORLD

If any one member of the audience was asked which picture he liked best starring Ramon Novarro in the leading role, it would be rather interesting to know the result. Three pictures that afford a striking example of Novarro's ability to play different parts, are "Ben Hur," "The Student Prince" and a more recent one, "A Certain Young Man."

If one includes "The Road to Romance" in the list, the problem becomes all the more difficult. In this piece, one sees Ramon as a bold adventurer, out to win fame and fortune. He provides thrills galore, and those who still have a soft spot in their heart for a story dealing with the Spanish Main could do no better than to see Novarro in "The Road to Romance."

As the title suggests, the picture is lively, full of "pep" and is shown in coloured form, making it all the more realistic. It is being shown at the World Theatre for final performances to-day, and is well worth a visit.

"NINA AND JACK"

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION FOR QUEEN'S

"Nina and Jack," a well known and talented dancing couple are to make an appearance at the Queen's Theatre from to-morrow to Saturday at the 9.15 p.m. performances.

The couple have danced with considerable sucess in most places of the world and in their opening programme will present their famous "Dance of Death," and the "Argentine Horseman Tango" as a duo, while Nina will give a solo Gypsy dance. "The Dance of Death" which has been voted the best interpretation of the popular Apache dance, abounds in thrills and works up to a climax which is invariably greeted with unstinted applause whenever seen. The artists will appear in conjunction with Pola Negri's big picture "Barbed Wire" which will remain the chief attraction at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday.

NINA AND HER DANCING PARTNER, JACK, who will be seen at the Queen's Theatre on three nights this week, commencing Thursday.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The King of Kings."

To-day—World Theatre; "The Road To Romance."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Rough House Rosie."

Dec. 13-15—Queen's Theatre; "Barbed Wire."

Dec. 13-15—World Theatre; "The Prince of Pilsen."

Dec. 13-15—Star Theatre "The Escape."

Dec. 14.—St. Joseph College Old Boys' Association hold concert in College Hall, Kennedy-road, at 5.45 p.m.

Dec. 13—Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Dec. 14, 15, 17, 18 21, 22—Theatre Royal; The Hong Kong Philharmonic Society presents "Tom Jones," 9 p.m.

Dec. 14—H.K.V.D.C. Machine Gun Company Dance, City Hall, 8 p.m.

Dec. 16—Public Band Concert, Botanic Gardens, 4-5.30 p.m.

Lammerts' Auction

Dec. 14—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., Chinese spirits, in bottles and jars, regulators, broken rice, cheese, motor car spare parts and personal effects, etc., 11.30 a.m.

Sports

To-day — H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, "A" v. "C," 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 13—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Hockey, 2nd XI v. University II, 5 p.m.; Whist Drive, Open to Ladies, tickets, $1, 9 p.m.

Dec. 14—H.K.Y.M.C.A. Basket Ball, v. St. Andrews Y.M., 6.15 p.m.

Dec. 15—Fanling Hunt meet at Sheung Shui, 2.30 p.m.

Dec. 16—Fanling Paper Hunt Dec. Cup, Jardine's Bungalow, 11 a.m.

Dec. 19—Fanling meet at Mr. Potts's bungalow, 2.30 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

December 14—Hong Kong Automobile Association's annual dinner dance, at Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

WIRELESS BROADCAST BY G.O.W.

ON 300 METRES

5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—Demonstration Programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening Programme (Victor & H.M.V. Records).

"Sea Fever" and "In Summertime on Bredon"—Stuart Robertson (Bass.).

"So this is Spring" and "Cuckoo"—Leslie Sarony (Comedian).

"Evening Chimes" and "Woodland Echoes"—Neapolitan Trio.

"Glory of the Sea" and "The Border Ballad"—Peter Dawson (Bass Baritone).

"His Honour The Mayor" and "Dress Parade" — International Band.

"The Stocking"—John Henry and "Blossom."

"Little Peach" and "Swanee Butterfly"—Warings Pennsylvanians.

"The Rosary" and "To A Wild Rose"—Venetian Trio.

"Love Could I only Tell Thee" and "She is Far from the Land"—Peter Dawson.

"Me and My Shadow" and "Charmaine"—Victor Salon Orchestra.

"Pagliacci"—Selections (Creatore's Band).

"Russian Inn" and "Russian Bazaar"—Hirilloff's Balalaika Orchestra.

"Out of the Dusk to You" and "Eleanor"—Victor Saloon Orchestra.

"When Day is Done" and "Soliloquy"—Paul Whiteman.

"Down South" and "Goin' Home"—Eveready Hour Group.

"Rhapsody in Blue" — Paul Whiteman.

"In a Monastery Garden" and "In a Persian Market"—Organ Solo by Reginald Foort.

10 p.m.—British Official Wireless Press.

Mozart's Symphony in C Major ("Jupiter") played by Albert Coates and the London Symphony Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

QUEEN'S THEATRE

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION

NINA & JACK

Famous International Artists

TO-MORROW TO SATURDAY

At 9.15 p.m. Usual Prices

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN TO JAVA

Mrs. Jumeaux, wife of Dr. C. Jumeaux, of Sitiawan, is lying seriously ill at Sitiawan.

A Chinese was recently sentenced in Singapore to a month's rigorous imprisonment for cruelty to turtles.

The Chinese papers say that the road between Hangchow and Nanking will be completed by the end of March next.

Che Abdul Hamid, Assistant District Officer, Kulim, has been transferred to Alor Star as Second Magistrate.

Chinese who have returned from abroad are proposing to establish a daily newspaper in Shanghai. Offices have been selected in Chapoo-road.

In view of the privations which detained persons have to undergo, Col. Tai Shih-fu, Commissioner of Public Safety, is reported by the Chinese papers to have ordered the making of several score of winter suits for them.

The Mayor of Nanking, Gen. Liu Chi-wen, has been ordered by the Government to take immediate steps to suppress the numerous armed robberies which have been occurring in broad daylight recently in the capital.

The Hunan authorities have drawn up plans for the construction of 13 highways, says the Chinese press, which will measure 2,500 li in all. The cost is estimated at $3,200,000, which sum has been earmarked for the purpose.

H.H. the Sultan of Perak is now engaged in making his annual tour of the State. Recently he was in Batang Padang, where he visited and inspected the M.V.I. Headquarters. Having attended prayers at the Tapah mosque, His Highness left for Teluk Anson.

Mr. Lin Cow-nam, representative of the Nationalist Finance Minister at Nanking, who is touring Malaya explaining the Rehabilitation Short Term Loan, was in Kuala Lumpur last Sunday when a reception was accorded to him by the Selangor Chinese Chamber of Commerce where Mr. Lin explained the objects of the loan.

The Hon. Mr. J. Lornie, British Resident, Selangor, and Mrs. Lornie visited St. John's Institution, Singapore, when the school bade farewell to them. They were received by the Director, Bro. Lewis, and staff and later the British Resident inspected the school cadet corps on the padang. Bro. Lewis, on behalf of the management, staff and students wished Mr. and Mrs. Lornie a happy holiday. Mr. Lornie thanked Bro. Lewis and he gave a half holiday to the school. Three cheers were given to Mr. and Mrs. Lornie as they left.

The "Straits Times" Penang correspondent telegraphs that at the meeting of the Municipal Commission, Mr. J. H. Pedlow stated that Mr. J. Black, Protector of Chinese, Penang, had resigned from the Commission on his transfer to Singapore at an early date. Mr. Pedlow said they were sorry to lose Mr. Black just when he was becoming familiar with the town. In addition to the official changes recently mentioned, Mr. J. Calder, Police Magistrate, is leaving shortly on transfer to Malacca. He will be relieved by Mr. B. S. Walton, who is due from Home leave. Mr. N. A. Sedwick, Assistant Treasurer is being relieved by Mr. W. S. Ebden.

CHINA'S LOANS

Nanking, Yesterday.

Interviewed by the Chinese press, Mr. Hu Han-min officially denied the report that the Nationalist Government recognised the Nishihara loans; he also denied the report that any special conditions will be attached to the Sino-Japanese tariff agreement. All the Powers would be treated alike, he added.—Reuter.

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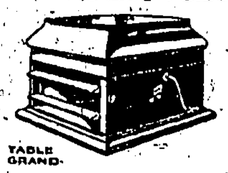

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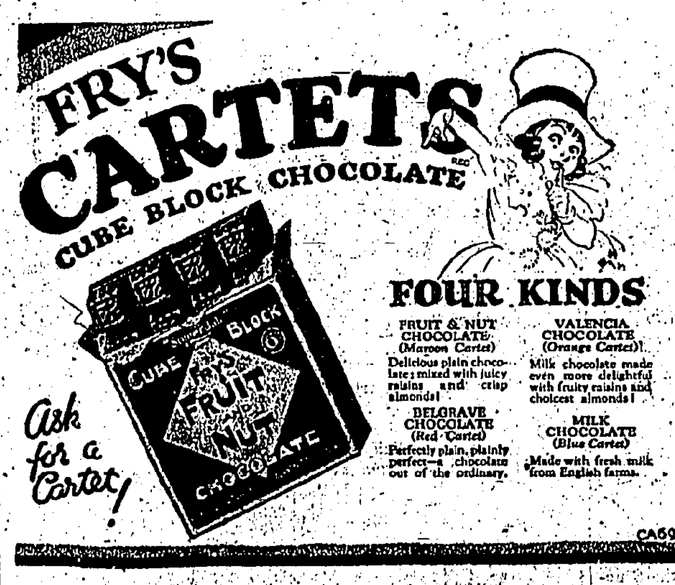

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PENINSULA HOTEL

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many years development was mainly restricted to the Island of Hong Kong, until in the early years of the present century the importance of Kowloon began to be recognised. I am told that until some ten or fifteen years ago Kowloon was the Cinderella of Hong Kong, but now the time is arriving when Cinderella will come into her own. The town planners caught Kowloon just in time, and we of this generation in Hong Kong are witnessing the growth of a great new city built on modern lines with wide streets and broad spaces and spacious playing fields, with a plentiful supply of that vital necessity, water, with busy docks, wharves and warehouses, with the terminus of what wil one day be the through railway line from Europe, and with a fine modern aerodrome now in course of construction—a city with a future far exceeding—the possibilities of the cramped surroundings of Victoria.

Landmark in History

And, ladies and gentlemen, this hotel stands as a landmark in the history of this great city of the future; nay, more, it proves that the courage of our fotefathers is with us still; the broad visions of the sixties still inspire the people of Hong Kong. Strikes and boycotts and civil war in China are rightly regarded as but temporary checks to that prosperity which her geographical position must bring to Hong Kong. The success of this hotel is not a thing of to-day or to-morrow. The inspiration which gave rise to this building is the inspiration of the future; it stands as an outward and visible testimony of the faith which is in us all that the greatness of Hong Kong is in the future and not in the past, and that Kowloon is destined to play an ever increasing part in that future greatness. Ladies and gentlemen, I look forward to the day when, with the Channel Tunnel accomplished and the Kowloon-Hankow railway completed, travellers will be able to book their tickets through from London to Kowloon with the assurance that on their arrival at their destination they will find in the Peninsula Hotel accommodation equal to any that the finest hostelries of Europe or America can provide.

I congratulate the originators of this project on the courage of their conception, on their faith in the future and on the thoroughness with which their project has been carried to completion; and on behalf of my wife and myself I wish for the Peninsula Hotel a life of continued prosperity and usefulness. (Applause).

Building Described

The Peninsula Hotel building is without doubt one of the most imposing yet erected in the Colony. The area occupied is 63,500 square feet, and the building is nine floors in height, including the basement and mezzanine floor between the ground and first floors.

The choice of the site of this great caravanserai at Kowloon Point speaks of foresight on the part of those responsible for the ambitious scheme the fruition of which marks a new epoch in the history of hotel enterprises in the Far East.

The magnificent hotel was originally designed by the architectural department of the Hong Kong Realty and Trust Co., Ltd., and when the architectural business of this Company was taken over by Mr. George W. Grey, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., and Mr. J. Bentley Hawker, both formerly on the staff of the Realty and Trust Company, the plans were completed by these two gentlemen.

The Start

The foundation of the building which stands on reclaimed ground, has been well laid and supported on Franki piling, which work was undertaken by the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co. This work was started in September, 1923, and took a whole year to complete.

Then the work of putting in the concrete frame and brick filling was undertaken by Messrs. Trollope and Colls (Far East), Ltd., in November, 1924.

Since then work had been interrupted, first by the strike and general unrest in China, and recently when the Shanghai Defence Force arrived in Hong Kong and the building was taken over to house a whole brigade of Infantry.

Approaching the Hotel from Salisbury-road, the building presents an imposing appearance, with a spacious courtyard in between the wings, with a beautiful ornamental fountain as the centrepiece, whilst opposite the building, the strip of ground between Salisbury-road and the railway is being laid out as an ornamental garden, which will be a beauty spot of Kowloon when completed.

Around the fountain runs the carriage-way, broad and well laid out. In the centre of the middle portion of the building, opposite the fountain is the main entrance with its beautiful and artistic doors of solid bronze and plate glass protected by a canopy. On either side are large pedestal electric lamps.

The whole of the exterior of the building has been covered with Zinzoseki plaster, coated with Szerelmey water-proofing stone liquid which render the walls immune from leakage during heavy rains, and also act as preservative for the masonry. The outstanding frontal aspect of the building is completed by a line of large pedestal lamps around the open first floor terrace which is an adjunct to the first floor lounge.

The Bank's Premises

On the front portion of the ground floor of the west wing, facing Salisbury-road will be occupied by a branch of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the first banking institution to open for business on the mainland. A feature of this portion of the building is a spacious banking hall measuring 84 feet long by 24 feet wide.

The floor of the hall is of black and white marble, whilst teak has been used for the whole of the woodwork. The walls are panelled to a height of 12 feet, topped off by a deep frieze and panelled ceiling in plaster.

Messrs. Grey and Hawker are the architects for the work here, working in conjunction with the Hong Kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. (joinery and bronze fittings), the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Co., tLd. (construction work), Arts and Crafts, Ltd. (plaster), William C. Jack and Co., Ltd. (lighting), and Vannini and Co. (marble).

The ground floor Lobby, which occupies the whole of lower portion of the centre block of building, is entered direct from the drive through the handsome main entrance and two other, slightly smaller doors also of bronze and plate glass. This spacious hall with its enticing vistas in the perspective of immense piers, measures 52 feet by 150 feet, and is covered with mosaic tiles in a simple design in chocolate and cream which harmonize with the colour scheme of the walls and ceiling, by Arts and Crafts. The tiles were laid by Messrs. Lee Yu Kee of Queen's-road Central, and the tilling used is Viterous mosaic, supplied by the Henry Richards Tile Co., of Tunstall, Staffordshire, chosen because of its durability and absorbent quality.

Another beautiful feature of the lobby is the marble skirting in Verdi Alpin marble carried out by Messrs. A. Vannini and Co., which tones admirably with the mosaic floor and the predominating colour scheme. The Lobby is designed in the Italian Renaissance style, adapted to present day needs while retaining the intrinsic elements and atmosphere of the style in a rich effect.

The ceiling of the Lobby is heavily enriched and supported by large square piers with finely-modelled bronze capitals. It is divided into three bays, the centre one, from the main entrance being panelled with plaques of figures and emblems of the "Port of Hong Kong," its beauty and vanity.

Double Staircase

Opposite the main entrance is the double staircase, between which a fountain plays in the varying lights. The treads of the staircase are of beautiful Sienna amrble, and over it are stained glass windows which present a blaze of colour. The arched heads of the main windows of the Lobby are also filled with stained glass which give toning light to the hall.

On either side of the staircase are the balconied openings of the mezzanine floor with bronze railings and beautiful drapings, which add an elusive touch to the decorative scheme of the Lobby.

At either end of the Lobby, leading into the wings, on double rows of square columns are double arches filled with a characteristic design of superb bronze, and flanked by twin electric wall brackets of uncommon design. Through these arches are the lift lobbies, each with a lighted fountain.

The furnishing on the ground floor, richly upholstered in a pleasing splash of colour, has been carried out in walnut, and in a style which is in keeping with the Italian atmosphere. The furniture comprise ten tables, arm chairs, high back chairs and handsome refectoire tables. The mossic tiled floors are adorned with large, rich carpets.

At the top of the first flight of stairs is a writing room with an old world touch—low ceiling of low relief plaster, walls panelled in wood almost to the ceiling, leaded windows with coloured bottle ends and deeply recessed inglehook of the Stuart Period. The room is furnished with refectoire tables, comfortable settees and easy chairs, and writing tables ornamented with lamp shades which harmonize with the surroundings. The draperies in this room are set off with beautiful fringed valances.

The Bar is also situated on the ground floor with entrance from Middle-road. It is designed in Morrish style. Immediately opposite the entrance is a decorative doorway with a multifoil arch and doors with an interlaced lattice in bronze. This gives access to the Arcade. On either side of the doorway are overhanging windows with meshrebiya lattice woodwork. Other features are the guilded niche in the bar back, the lanterns hanging over the arches, the swinging lights in coloured metal, the stained glass and the tessellated flooring. The furnishing of the bar is in walnut and comprise settees, arm chairs and tables with ornamental tops.

The Cafeteria

The Cafeteria has its entrance on Nathan-road. Its decoration has been handled in the spirit of "L'Art Moderne" which is decidedly cheerful. It will no doubt fill a growing need in Kowloon. The furnishing is in walnut—settees, chairs and tables of a very appropriate style. Both the Cafeteria and Bar are tiled with mosaic floor tiles, the designs and colours scheme of the surroundings.

The Dining Room is situated at the east end of the first floor. It is laid out in picturesque Spanish style, with a richness and elaboration of detail that make it glow with colour and gilding. The hangings are of deep wine colour, the carpets sombre but pretty with a black ground, and the hanging lights delightful with multi-coloured borders. Each table has its own lamp, and the chairs have been designed for comfort. A spring floor has been laid so that the room can be used for dancing. The room is spacious and can accommodate 400 diners with comfort. A balcony for orchestra is also provided. Ventilation is assured by a number of large exhaust fans supplied by the General Electric Co. These are of the box blade pattern.

There are 250 bedrooms, in the furnishing of which the idea of restfulness and cheerfulness had been happily kept in mind. The carpets are in two shades of biscuit with brilliant coloured borders. The walls are light buff and the furniture covers in colours that match the carpet. Besides the usual bedroom fixtures, the rooms at the Peninsula also contain settees and easy chairs, tea and writing tables. The other furnitures, all in mahogany comprise dressing table, chest of drawers, chiffonier and telephone table, the tops of the main articles being covered with glass. The beds are comfortable, the mattresses being of the coil spring type covered with the highest grade horse hair. At the head of each bed is a reading lamp, and another on the writing table. There is a small entrance hall to each room with a doorway leading into the trunk room and wardrobe, so that luggage does not have to enter the room.

The Bedrooms

All the bedroom windows are fitted with "Aerolux" window shades specially made by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd. Each room has its own bath-room and lavatory attached, with deep built-in baths with hot and cold water. The tiling is black and white on the floors and cream on the walls to a height of four feet.

As all the bedrooms have intercommunicating doors, they can be made en suite, and a number of the rooms have private sitting rooms attached. Hot water radiators in each bedroom do away with the fire-place.

A first aid room on the first floor in the east wing has been fully equipped as in modern hospitals with operating table, cabinets, desks, stools, stretchers, hospital beds, water sterilizers, towel heaters, surgical sterilizers, etc. All these have been supplied by Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Co., Ltd.

The Banquetting Hall and Roof Garden are in the east wing of the sixth floor, two lifts giving direct access to a large foyer between the two. To the left of the foyer is the banqueting hall with its refined and restaurant decoration and an oval and slightly domed ceiling painted in pale sky shades. It is well ventilated with electric fittings of simple design, as also are the light fittings. Here also is an orchestra balcony which can also be used to give cinema shows from. There are alcoves for private parties, and the room is devoid of columns which mar any ball-room. The beauty of the room are the pretty valances and handsome embroideries.

Roof Garden

The Roof Garden is an ideal place for tea dancing; and has Doric columns of full proportions as its main characteristics. Then there is a perforated plaster clove and cool inviting decorations in ivory, white and green, which all go the make the Roof Garden a delightful place. The windows are hung with embroidered valances of green and gold, which also form part of the general decorative scheme. The Roof Garden and the Banqueting Hall are directly inter-communicating and can be made into one for special occasions when it will be possible to accommodate fully 800 people. Both have spring dancing floors. There is a snug bar on this floor which serve both dance floors. It has very handsome fittings and a beautiful tile floor in a blue and white Chinese design. Bedrooms and rooms en suite occupy the rest of the sixth floor.

The Lobby on the first floor is a Grand Salon with casements which open on to the delightful terrace, an ideal place for afternoon tea with its panoramic view of the Peak and the harbour. In the boldly modelled plasterwork, and excellent figure work in the Salon, is seen the influence of the English Renaissance which is enhanced with stately high chairs, settees and refectoire tables in walnut. Beautiful red carpets complete the 17th Century effect.

In The West Wing

On the first floor in the West Wing is a reposeful room of the Queen Anne period which appealed greatly to the lady visitors, with its comfortable stuffed-over easy chairs, couches and high back chairs in handsome carved wood, writing tables, etc. The walls are panelled, papered and painted in restful tones of green.

Children will appreciate the West Lounge which leads into the Children's Dining Room, cheerfully decorated with nursery and barnyard subjects and furnished in polished white wood, inlaid with partridge wood carved in low relief. Two large toy cupboards and a handsome sideboard are included in the furnishings. The Lounge has a modelled frieze of gulls in flight and stained glass panels with representations of birds and animals in bright colours.

In this wing too, is a private sitting room of the time of William and Mary. A lofty room with walnut dodo and panelled, papered walls. A sliding door leads from this room to a private Jacobean dining room of considerable interest, panelled in oak with timbered ceiling, and walls draped with modelled motifs in a rough plastered surface.

Three Kitchens

There are three kitchens, on the ground, first and sixth floors. These large, airy rooms show what a modern kitchen can be like. The equipments are of the latest and most up-to-date type supplied and installed by Messrs. Reiss, Massey and Co., Ltd., and manufactured by Messrs. Falkirk Iron Co., Ltd., Falkirk, Scotland. The equipment includes steam jacketted boiling pans, potato, fish, and pudding steamers, hot-plates and carving tables, charcoal grills, gas grillers and toasters, treble and single oven gas cooking rangos, and coffee and milk urns of the latest and most hygienic type.

Mechanical equipment which both save labour and ensure cleanliness and comfort are many and include a refrigerating plant, ice water system to all parts of the Hotel, ice cream plant, dish washing machine, bakery machinery, bread and butter machines which slice and butter the bread, filters, potato peeler, installed by Messrs. Anderson, Meyer and Co., Ltd. A central vacuum cleaing plant supplied by Messrs. Reiss, Massey and Co., Ltd., who also installed the central heating and hot water systems.

Another convenience which will be much appreciated by the residents of the Hotel are the mailing chutes manufactured by the Cutler Mail Chute Co., U.S.A., and installed by Messrs. Andersen, Meyer and Co., Ltd. These chutes are located in the east and west wings of the building, in the lobbies of the residential floors, and at other convenient points and lead to main letter boxes on the ground floor where they are cleared periodically by the Post Office.

Local Electricians

It is interesting to note that the two electrical engineers who carried out the electrical installation at the Peninsula Hotel were trained at the Hong Kong University.

The Lifts

In connection with yesterday's opening ceremony of the Peninsula Hotel, inconvenience was caused to a number of visitors through temporary stoppages of the lifts. We are advised by Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., who are responsible for the lifts and who had a special staff on duty, that the trouble was due to a matter entirely outside their control and had nothing to do with the lift installation.

Sir Henry Pollock

Sir Henry Pollock, who has been laid up for some time with a broken leg, as the result of a slip in his own house, has so far recovered that he was able to attend the opening ceremony of the Peninsula Hotel yesterday afternoon. He was heartily greeted and congratulated by a large number of friends. Sir Henry is now able to move about slowly with the aid of a stick.

With a view to regulating the pursuit of game in this province, the Kiangsu Provincial Government has promulgated a series of laws. Two forms of licences will be issued, one for Chinese and the other for foreigners. The former will be issued to Chinese by the district authorities and the latter by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Chinese will pay 50 cents apiece for their licences, but foreigners will be charged double that amount.

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FANLING HUNT

STEEPLECHASE ENTRIES AND HANDICAP

CHRISTMAS MEETING

The entries and weights allotted in the handicap in the Fanling Hunt's Christmas steeplechase meeting, to be held at Kwanti on Saturday, Dec. 22, are as follow:—

Race 1.—Christmas Maidens, about 1 mile on inside course. Winner $75, 2nd $25. For all China ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started this season at Kwanti allowed 5 lbs. Entry $5.

As You Like It, Brigade Call, Chicot, Chokra, District Call, Grey Eyes, Honeymoon, Kiangsu, Lye Green, May, My Lady, Newfoundland, Ploughman, Shingle, Social Call, Solitaire, Strathlorne, Target, Tarzali, The Haugh, Warrington, Winters, Eve.

22 entries.

Race 2.—United Service Race, about 1 mile on national course. Winner $75, 2nd $25. For China ponies. Catch weights 160 lbs. Winners at Kwanti this season 7 lbs. penalty. To be ridden by Officers of H.M.'s Forces or members of H.K.V.D.C. Entry $5.

Caesar, Craigavad, Drake, *Dumbell, Durham, *James Pigg, Little Darling, Man of War, Newfoundland, Six Hundred, Tap Sinc.

* 7 lbs. penalty.

11 entries.

Race 3.—Ladies Plate, about 1½ miles on national course. For a plate presented by the ladies of the Fanling Hunt, 2nd $75, 3rd $25. For China ponies. Weights for inches as per scale. Entry $5.

Ace of Spades, Aristophanes, Caesar, Cavaire, Fanling Stag, Honeymoon, Little River, Loch Rannoch, May, Mowgli, Siang River, Solitaire, Warrington, Winter's Eve.

14 entries.

Race 4.—Christmas Handicap, about 1¼ miles on national course. Winner $75, 2nd $25. For China ponies. Entry $5.

Mowgli 162 lbs., Fanling Stag 162, My Lady 161, Caesar 159, Cavaire 158, Brigade Call 158, Warrington 158, Durham 155, Winter's Eve 155, Aristophanes 153, District Call 153, Fire Call 150, Loch Rannoch 150, May 150, Siang River 150, Ploughman 150, The Haugh 147.

17 entries.

Race 5.—Also Ran Stakes, about seven furlongs on inside course. Winner $75, 2nd $25. For China ponies that have started at Kwanti this season and not won at this meeting. Weight for inches as per scale. Ponies that have started at this meeting allowed 5 lbs. Forced entry $5.

Ace of Spades, Aristophanes, As You Like It, Borderer, Brigade Call, Caesar, Cavaire, Chicot, Chokra, Craigavad, District Call, Drake, Dumbell, Durham, Fanling Stag, Fire Call, Grey Eyes, Honeymoon, James Pigg, Kiangsu, Little Darling, Little River, Loch Rannoch, Lye Green, Man of War, May, Mowgli, My Lady, Newfoundland, Ploughman, Sheila, Shingle, Siang River, Six Hundred, Social Call, Solitaire, Strathlorne, Tap Sinc, Target, Tarzali, The Haugh, Warrington, Winter's Eve.

43 entries.

CRICKET

The following will represent the Volunteers' 2nd XI. against the Indian Recreation Club 2nd XI. at 2.15 p.m. at Sookumpoo on Sunday:—R. R. Davies (Capt.), A. Reid, H. L. F. Ewin, A. D. Coppin, G. A. L. Plummer, S. C. Banks, S. Y. Gittins, H. T. Buxton, N. A. E. Mackay, J. J. Hirst, E. Zimmern.

KELLEWAY UNFIT

NOTHLING TO PLAY FOR AUSTRALIA

FRIDAY'S MATCH

Sydney, Yesterday.

Kelleway will not play in the next Test match owing to ill-health. Nothling, who took 5 wickets for 78 for Queensland against the M.C.C., will replace him.

Andrews has been dropped from the team.

Friday's team for the Second Test Match which starts at Sydney will therefore be selected from the following:

J. S. Ryder (Victoria),
W. H. Ponsford (Victoria),
W. M. Woodfull (Victoria),
A. F. Kippax (New South Wales),
D. Bradman (New South Wales),
D. D. J. Blackie (Victoria),
C. V. Grimmett (South Australia),
H. L. Hendry (Victoria),
H. Ironmonger (Victoria),
C. Kelleway (New South Wales),
V. Richardson (South Australia),
W. A. Oldfield (New South Wales),
O. Nothling (Queensland).

—Reuter.

CRICKET TOURS

London, Yesterday.

At the annual meeting at Lords Mr. W. Finlay announced that it was proposed to hold the Imperial Cricket Council next May, when future tours would be discussed. It was hoped that India, New Zealand, Australia, South Africa and the West Indies would be represented.—Reuter.

SOCCER

Mid-Week League Fixtures

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

Hong Kong Police v. Lam Long Wan, St. Joseph's ground.

China Athletic v. South China, Hong Kong F.C. ground.

Ewo Chinese v. Hung Kui School, China Athletic ground. Kick off 4 p.m.

HOCKEY

The following will play for the University "A" team against the K. I. Tennis Club on Friday, the 14th inst. Bully off at 4.45 p.m. at Marina Ground.—H. E. Adams, A. D. Rai, A. E. L. Herttlots; K. P. Gan, G. S. Scully, P. C. Lim; K. T. Loke (Capt.), Y. C. Teh, G. E. Yeoh, A. B. Sulieman and Dr. M. B. Osman.

The following will represent the University "B" against Y.M.C.A. "B" on the December, 13. Bully off at 5 p.m. at King's Park.—A. A. Aziz; C. M. Lee Chamerette; G. E. Yeoh (Capt.), J. J. Guterres, V. Enok; E. K. Foo, F. X. Khoo, N. P. Koh, S. C. Ho, P. L. Tan and A. B. Sulieman (Reserve).

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In the Arts and Crafts section attention is drawn to Mrs. Danby's "Batik Scarf" and to the Japanese silhouettes, the photographs, and the modelled figure which are well up to the general high standard of the exhibition. The pastel portraits and dog studies in this room are wonderfully lifelike.

Mrs. Koop has a few pictures on view, evidently past studies. They are extremely well done. The exhibition is well worth seeing.

The Exhibits

This year's exhibits comprised:—

Mr. C. P. Anderson:—three pictures (1, 2 and 3).

Mrs. Knight Anstey:—4, Junk—anchored ($5.00), 5, Sunset ($5.00), 6, Mist on Tai-Mo-Shan ($10.50), 7, Rocks on Cheung Chau ($10.50), 8, Hong Kong—from Cheung Chau (not for sale).

Mrs. Asche:—9, Foochow Boats, 10, Foochow Junk, 11, An Old Well, 12, A Chinese House—Kullang.

Mrs. Aubrey:—13, Hydrangeas, 14, Hydrangeas, 15, Bamboo and Clouds, 16, Tai-Mo-Shan, 17, A Peak Garden, 18, A Peak Garden, 19, Trees and Clouds, 20, Rocks—Shek-O, 21, Garden Scene, 22, Azaleas, 23, A Sunny Path, 24, Azalea, 25, Fanling, 26, Fanling.

Dr. Balean:—27, Sunset, 28, Green Island—Evening.

Mrs. Balean:—29, The Harbour, 30, Repulse Bay, 31, Pokfulum Reservoir and Islands, 32, Green Island ($10.00), 33, Fanling—Golf Course ($20.00).

Mrs. Breyer:—34, The Ningpo Guild House ($30.00), 35, A Shanghai Street ($15.00).

Mr. G. H. Bond:—36, Rocks (water colours) ($20.00), 37, Shatin Valley (water colours) ($15.00), 38, Fanling (water colours) ($10.00), 39, Sunset (water colours) ($12.00), 40, Shek-O (Pen and Wash Drawing) ($10.00), 41, Pencil Sketch near Lai Chi Kok ($8.00), 42, Fanling (Pastel) ($10.00), 43, Night Scene (Pastel) ($10.00).

Commander R. D. Binney:—44, Approach to the Monastery, Howlick ($20.00), 45, Sunset over Mount Davies, Hong Kong ($10.00), 46, Sunrise from the Peak ($10.00), 47, Gunboats off Canton ($10.00), 48, Aberdeen Harbour ($15.00), 49, Junks ($10.00), 50, Fanling ($15.00), 51, Gauge in Flood, Lai Chi Kok ($15.00), 52, Sha Tau Kok, New Territory ($10.00), 53, Pokfulum ($10.00).

Mrs. Cashman:—54, A Portrait (Mrs. Norris), 55, Larkspur, 56, Peking Blue Glass Bowl, 57, 2 Sketches—In the Temple Courtyard, Wei-hai-wei, 58, 2 Sketches—Dairy Farm, Wei-hai-wei, 59, Sketch—A Garden, Wei-hai-wei.

Maud Crawford:—60, Hydrangeas ($12.00), 61, Marigolds (not for sale), 62, Cannas (not for sale), 63, Island Bay (not for sale), 64, Fanling—Rice Fields (not for sale), 65, Ross's Point, Co Sligo, Ireland (not for sale), 66, Ross's Point, Co Sligo, Ireland (not for sale), 67, A Peak Garden (not for sale), 68, Junks—Cheung Chau (not for sale), 69, Local Flowers ($12.00), 70, Cheung Chau ($12.00), 71, Cheung Chau ($12.00), 71A, Devon, 71B, The Night-blooming Cereus.

Miss Griffin:—72, Sunshine, 73, Calm, 74, Along the University Path.

Miss Hancock:—75, Tulips, 76, Hydrangeas.

Miss H. Harry:—77, Peach Blossom ($20.00), 78, Magnolia ($5.00), 79, High West ($12.00), 80, From Lugard Road ($12.00), 81, A Coming Storm ($10.00), 82, Hong Kong Sunset ($7.00), 83, Sunset and a Silver Sea, Repulse Bay (Sold), 84, Bathing Beach at Midsummer.

Geo. P. Heney:—85, On Lake Como (oil) ($25.00), 86, The Moon Moth (oil) ($150.00), 87, Kurds (oil) ($150.00), 88, Oleander and Cedars (oil), ($45.00), 89, Cedars and Sunshine (oil) ($45.00), 90, A Bermuda Beach (oil) ($15.00), 91, A Bermuda House (oil) ($15.00), 92, In the Woods (water) ($15.00), 93, Sunset at Fanling (water) ($25.00), 94, Lion and Amah Rocks (water) ($20.00), 95, View of Lamma Island (water) ($20.00), 96, In Spain (water) ($20.00), 97, Off Stonecutter's Island, Hong Kong (water) ($25.00).

J. H. Hunt:—98, Sacred Bridge, Nikko, pen drawing ($25.00), 99, In the Temple, Cheung Chau, tinted pen drawing ($12.00), 100, The Mill, brush drawing ($12.00), 101, Dusk, pen drawing ($10.00), 102, A City Fog, pen drawing ($10.00).

S. D. Igglesden:—103, Chin Tai—near Ningpo ($10.00), 104 Paddy Fields at Fanling ($10.00), 105 Kowloon side ($10.00), 106, Near nowhere—($10.00).

Miss P. L. Murray:—107, Poster—The Temple of Art, 108, Amah Sewing, 109, Gleam on the Water—Sunset, Hong Kong, 110, Moonshine, from the Peak, 111, Junk Bay, from a Launch, 112, Rocks—Deepwater Bay, 113, Eventide—Hong Kong.

A. M. de Martin:—114, An Old Parish Church, 115, A Quiet Corner in the Church, 116, The Villa Babianello, Lake Como, 117, Via del Soccorso, Tenno 118, Autumn Tolo Harbour, 119, Sunset "The last hand."

Dr. Newton:—120, D. P. G., (chalk portrait), 121, Tom Bowie, (chalk portrait), 122, Clytie (clay).

W. L. Pattenden:—123, Palms, 124, Interior.

C. Peyton:—125, View over Pokfulum, 126, View over Pokfulum (S), 127, Rice Fields (S), 128, Bungalow, Fanling (S), 129, Seascape (S), 130, Sibayate, Sumatra, 131, The Bend of the Path ($40.00), 132, Hong Kong, Night ($15.00), 133, High West, Evening $20.00), 134, Azaleas and Bamboos $20.00).

Mrs. M. O. Pfister:—(Hong Kong), 135, Pine Forest, 136, Path in the Hills, 137, Conduit Path, 138, Misty Morning, 139, Fanling Golf Course ($20.00), 140, Beach at Shek-O ($30.00), 141, Hillside, 142, Sunny Path ($15.00), 143, In a Peak Garden, 144, Azaleas in the Botanical Gardens, 145, Erythrina Caffra in the Botanical Gardens.

Cheung Chau:—146, Rocks, 147, Beach ($25.00), 148, Village Street.

Angkor:—149, Gate in Angkor Vat, 150, Courtyard Pra Tom.

Mrs. H. K. Prossor:—151, Harvesting—New Territory ($15.00), 152, Shatin ($12.00), 153, Shatin ($12.00), 154, Near Stanley ($12.00).

Mrs. Sayer:—155, Lantao, 156, Hong Kong from Cheung Chau, 157, Hong Kong, 158, Tai Po.

Mrs. Solomon:—159, The Bend in the Road, 160, Winter day on the San Gabriel.

Mrs. Bowes Smith:—161, Nasturtium, 162, Calendulas ($20.00), 163, Pansies ($10.00), 164, Garden Scene ($20.00), 165, The Peak, ($20.00), 166, Foreground Study ($20.00), 167, Roses $30.00).

Mrs. Wyatt:—three exhibits.

Miss Westland:—171, Study in black and white (copy), 172, Study in black and white (copy).

Grace Macnair:—(Oils), 173, Kowloon Peak ($200.00), 174, The Blue Coat ($200.00), 175, Lion Rock ($180.00), 176, Shaukiwan ($180.00). (Wash Drawings)—177, Shaukiwan ($30.00), 178, Portrait ($50.00), 179, Kowloon from Knutsford Terrace ($20.00), 180, Kowloon from Knutsford Terrace ($20.00), (Drawing), 181, Portrait Study ($10).

I. Vanwyaick:—182, Fontaine de Jade—Peking (Sepia), 183, Chinese farmer (water colour), 184, Arsenal at Tientsin" (water colour), 185, Landscape—Tientsin (water colour), 186, Chinese Yard—Tientsin (Water colour), 187, Chinese dinner (Oil sketch), 188, Portrait (Oil sketch), 189, Portrait (Pencil sketch), 190, Sketch for a Chinese screen (Oil sketch), 191, "The best car for Hong Kong" (Cartoon), 192, Perspective sketch for modern residences.

Arts and Crafts

Mrs. Danby:—193 (a). Batik Scarf ($15.00), (b), Tie-dye Scarf ($15.00), (c), Tie-dye Scarf ($15.00), (d), Tie-dye Scarf ($15.00), (e), Tie-dye Handkerchief ($20.00), (f), Tie-dye Handkerchief ($20.00), (g), Tie-dye Handkerchief ($20.00), (h), Tie-dye Jumper ($30.00).

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Mrs. S. Berg:—194, Six Water Colours.

C. H. Blason:—195, Six Photographs.

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WELL DRESSED YOUTH IN CUSTODY

A well-dressed Chinese youth appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning in answer to a charge of the theft of a bicycle from No. 492 Nathan-road, yesterday. The bicycle is the property of a Chinese student residing at No. 575 Nathan-road.

Divisional Inspector R. H. Marks said that the bicycle had been left in a garage. When the complainant went for it, he found that it was missing and at once made a report to the police. Messages were immediately sent out, and a Chinese detective placed on special duty to find the bicycle. While passing a bicycle shop in Shanghai-street, the detective saw the missing bicycle, and ascertained that it had been sold by a lad, who proved to be defendant.

Defendant Pleaded Guilty

The detective who made the arrest said that defendant had a previous conviction for larceny. Defendant admitted this, and His Worship remanded the case for 24 hours to allow the police time to prove the previous conviction.

Mr. Tampoe-Philips, a member of the Singapore Bar, has gone into hospital for an operation.

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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

After the 'Flu

Ruth Taylor, a Hollywood screen personality, just recovered from influenza.

Mrs. John McCormack

Colleen Moore.

At a Baby Show

Doris Kenyon, the film star, who acted as hostess at a baby show.

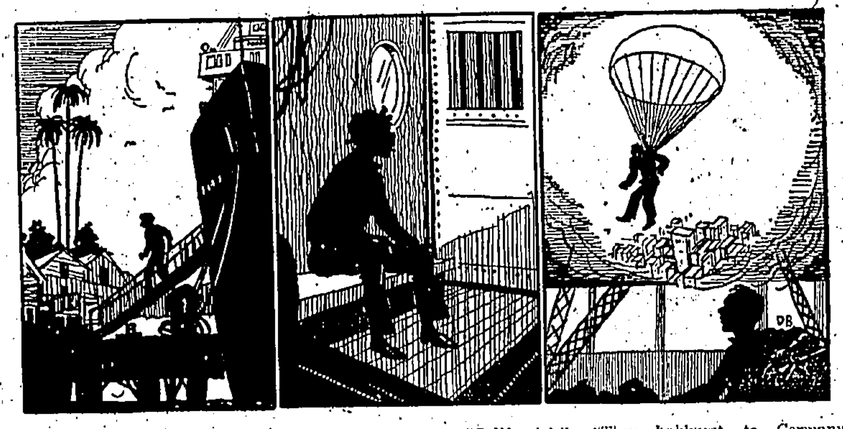
Paris Divorce?

Mrs. Tom Mix has applied in Paris for a divorce from her movie hero husband.

First Photo of Trotsky in Exile

Leon Trotzky (right), said to be slowly losing ground as he fights a lingering illness in his bleak exile near the border of Chinese Turkestan. The above exclusive photo shows Trotzky, his faithful wife and a secretary.

"Graf Zeppelin" Stowaway's Career



"In November of 1927, in San Francisco, I stowed away on the s.s. "Malolo" for Honolulu, but was caught and brought back on the same ship——"

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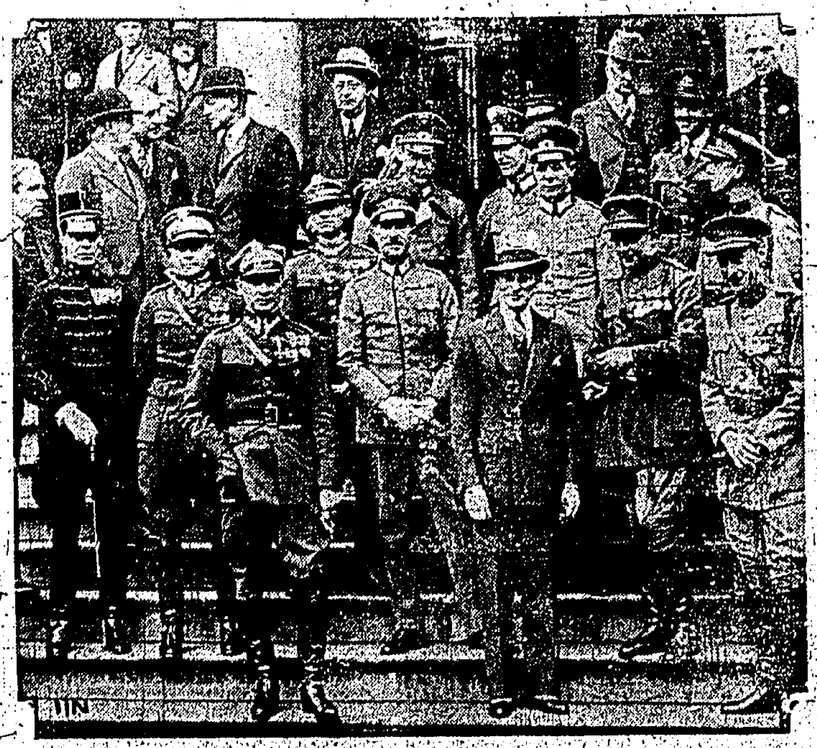
Spine Hurt, She Gets G$15,000

So seriously was the spine of the pretty 15-years-old Emma Franke injured in a motor accident, that a jury awarded her a G$15,000 compensation. Physicians say that she will always walk with difficulty hereafter.

International Horsemen Group



A group of famous international equestrians representing Germany, Poland, Belgium, Holland and Italy, being welcomed to United States by Mayor "Jimmy" Walker of New York to compete for an international military jumping trophy.

Prince Amedeo

Prince Amedeo of Savoy, eldest son of the Duke and Dukess D'Aosta, who is popular in Italy.

Cheated the Guillotine

Convicted of murdering a number of women dupes and burying their dismembered bodies in the courtyard of his home in Marseilles, Pierre Rey starved himself to death in a felon's cell. He was as merciless toward his victims as the "bluebeard" Landry, whose place he usurped in France's hall of crime.

British Star

Victor McLaglen, to appear with Claire Windsor in a new Fox picture.

After 16 Years

Frances Hewitt Bowne, at one-time a stage star, who eloped to the Far East with Jordan Lawrence Mott III., and thereby cost him a fortune estimated at several millions of dollars. Now, after 16 years, their unconventional love has been legalized by marriage.

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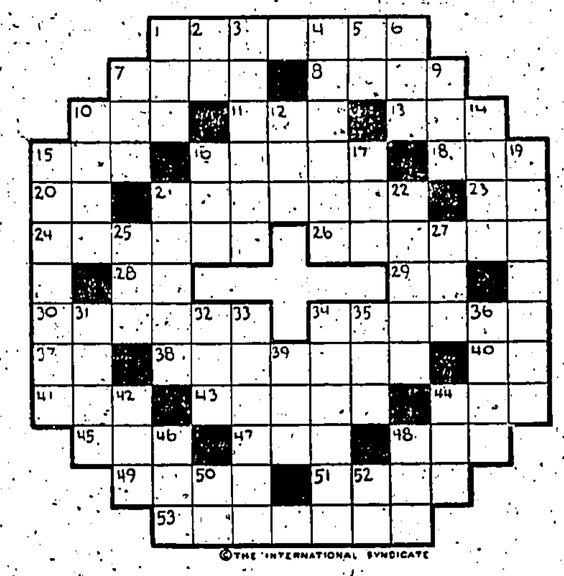
DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho:)



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HORIZONTAL

1–Central figure in Shakespearean play
7–Bait
8–Engineer for whom famous bridge is named
10–Perched
11–Retardation of mechanical movement
13–Studied hard (slang)
15–Played the first card
16–A minced oath
18–Cushion
20–Printer's measure
21–Producing motion
23–Otherwise
24–Important European city
25–Empower
26–Symbol for beryllium
29–High naval officer (abbr.)
30–Small disk of medicine

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

34–Freed from anything hurtful
37–Book of the Bible (abbr.)
38–Bounty
40–Prefix meaning "again"
41–Taste
43–Moves in a particular direction
44–Fasten
45–Wise saying
47–The face (slang)
48–Small cake
49–No one (Latin)
51–Famous garden
53–Mocked

VERTICAL

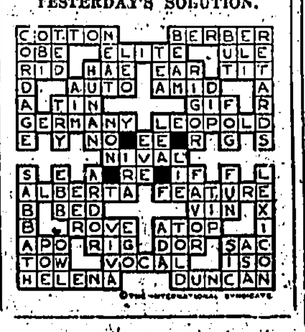
1–At a loss
2–Financial officer (abbr.)
3–City in Montana
4–An ambassador
5–Southern State (abbr.)
6–Unusual
7–Boy
9–Sip
10–Prefix. Half

VERTICAL (Cont.)

12–Epoch
14–Prison
15–Tribe of Levi
16–Storage place for coal
17–Clamor
19–Pottery center
21–An evil omen
22–Burdensome responsibilities
28–Recede
27–Offensive
31–Central line
32–Wear away
33–Vibratory motion
34–Pressed closely together, as a crowd
35–Feminine suffix
36–Ireland
39–Horned animal of Africa
42–Greek god of flocks and herds
44–Play on words
46–United together
48–Couch
50–Pronoun
52–Prefix meaning "from"

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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CHINA'S RULERS

Mr. Woo, a young Chinese patriot, a graduate of Harvard, who held a high post in the Foreign Office under the Nationalist Government at Hankow, and assisted Mr. Eugene Chen in his negotiations with Mr. O'Malley in 1926, has just written a book on the Kuomintang and the Future of the Chinese Revolution. He suffers from a long-winded style and an imperfect command of English. But he has a good deal that is important to say, and he represents a point of view of which comparatively little is heard outside China. He is of the Left wing of the Kuomintang, bitter against the Right, friendly to the Communists, and anxious to work with them for the moment, though in disagreement with their ultimate aims. His position, in fact, is very like that of the "Left wingers" in the British Labour movement. The success of the Chinese revolution depends, Mr. Woo believes, on a firm adherence to the three fundamental principles laid down by Sun Yat-sen as the basis of the Kuomintang—"racial unity, popular sovereignty and the people's livelihood," or, put more simply, China for the Chinese, democracy and Socialism. All these he sees threatened. The expulsion of the Communists last year meant the break up of the united front, and the dominance in the Nationalist party of Right wing bourgeois, capitalists and militarists is ominous for democracy and Socialism. Others would say, of course, that the purging of Communism and the victory of moderation in the Kuomintang were precisely what secured the final triumph of the Nationalist arms and may possibly bring Dr. Sun's theories into the region of practical politics. Mr. Woo wrote his book—in the bitterness of exile in Europe—before the victory was won; and he may now take a less pessimistic view. That we do not know; but in any case his version of the party struggles has some historical value, and his estimate of the character and strength of the Left wing forces in China cannot be dismissed as a mere hallucination. It should be noted that, partial as he is to the Communists, he is not altogether taken in by them. In discussing the great split at Hankow in 1927 he has some blame for a section of the extremists who followed the Communist lead, and even tried to out-Herod Herod.

A Complicated System

But the most interesting part of Mr. Woo's book is that which deals not with the squabbles in the Kuomintang, but with its organisation and machinery. It is an ingenious and complicated system, which owes something to Western democratic models and something to the Russian Soviets. The supreme authority is vested in a National Congress of Representatives, which, however, meets only once a year for two or three weeks. Effective power is therefore delegated to a Central Executive Committee, which is elected by the Congress, but functions independently when Congress is not sitting. But even this body is too busy to carry on all the ordinary administration of the party, and so it appoints a Standing Committee of itself, consisting of nine persons, meeting at least once a week and oftener if necessary. Though this Standing Committee is responsible to the Central Executive Committee, it is pretty obvious that its subordination will be more nominal than real. And, in fact, it is the nucleus of yet another and more powerful organ, which seems indeed the main directive force in the party. This is the Political Council, composed of the nine members of the Standing Committee, together with six other persons, who are usually, we are told, Ministers of the Nationalist Government. The Political Council meets very frequently, and its decisions are orders to the Government. The Central Executive has the right to veto these decisions, but we gather that it very rarely dreams of doing so. A special feature of the Political Council on which Mr. Woo lays great stress is the Presidium—a Board of five chairmen, who preside over the deliberations in turn, who must all five sign every order of the Council, and who may introduce proposals on their own initiative. There would seem to be a very good chance of this group of five becoming a sort of inner Cabinet, but that apparently is preferred to the evil of having a single president who might establish himself as an autocrat. Finally, there is a Committee of Control, elected by the National Congress, and invested with the three powers of auditing accounts, supervising Government and party work, and prosecuting offenders against party discipline.

The Cult of Dr. Sun Yat-sen

The whole system, from these governing organs at the top to the local branches at the bottom, is inspired by an almost fanatical reverence for its founder, Sun Yat-sen, and it no doubt owes much of its strength to the deliberate cult of Dr. Sun, just as the Soviet system does to the cult of Leninis. But how far it will stand the test of pprattical constructive work, as distinct from the propagation and conduct of a revolution, remains to be seen. The new organic law promulgated a few weeks ago, which elaborates the powers and duties of the National Government, is clearly in line with the principles of the Kuomintang (it was actually promulgated by the Kuomintang); but we are not quite clear about the precise relations in which the Government will now stand to the Kuomintang, whether the Kuomintang is expected to operate in China as the Communist Party operates in Russia, or whether it has passed body and soul into the new Constitution. But in any case we may anticipate some struggles to maintain the democracy of checks and balances described by Mr. Woo.

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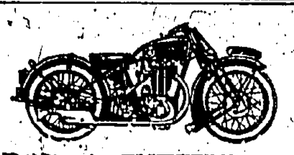

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14.	
Japan and Shanghai	Kamo Maru
Shanghai	Kashmir
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	President Monroe
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Manila	President Madison
Straits	Tresillian

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12.		
Swatow	Yuan Lee	3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kwong Hung	4 p.m.
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Hoihow	Kiungchow	10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, *Egypt & *Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 18th Jan., 1929. K.P.O. Registration (Dec. 14) 4.30 p.m. Letters (Dec. 15) 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration (Dec. 15) 8.45 a.m. Letters (Dec. 15) 9.30 a.m.	Kamo Maru	

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EMPIRE PRESS UNION

NEXT CONFERENCE

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STRONG COMMITTEE FORMED

London, Yesterday.

The Empire Press Union is arranging an Imperial Press Conference in London in June, 1930.

A strong Committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Major Astor.

Lord Athelstan, who has resigned the chairmanship of the Canadian branch of the Union, will be succeeded by Lieut.-Colonel J. H. Woods.—Reuter.

"NOT A BIG PAPER?"

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ADDRESS IN BASEMENT

"It isn't one of the big Chinese papers, is it?" asked the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) in the Summary Court this morning. His Lordship was referring to the "Yin Cheung Po," the address of which was given in a writ as "No. 51, Hollywood-road, basement."

This vernacular paper was sued for $223, balance due for work done and materials supplied, by the Lee Cheong firm of contractors, No. 24, Peel-street, ground floor.

When Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who defended the action, was addressing his Lordship at the close, he said that the "Yin Cheung Po" was a well-established paper. His Lordship asked the question quoted and Mr. F. X. d'Almada, who appeared for the plaintiff, replied that it had been in existence here for a few months.

Defendants' assistant accountant denied that anything was outstanding. His Lordship said that he preferred the perfectly straightforward story told by plaintiffs and therefore gave them judgment with costs.

THE RUPTURE

PARAGUAY AND BOLIVIA STILL AT DAGGERS DRAWN

CONCILIATORY STEPS

The Pan-American Congress has appointed a special committee under the chairmanship of Mr. F. B. Kellogg, U.S. Secretary of State, to devise a means of conciliation for the rupture between Paraguay and Bolivia.

It is expected at Lugano that the League Council will communicate with the two governments today, counselling moderation and a pacific solution. Both disputants are members of the League. Bolivia has not paid her subscriptions for five years and has not participated in the recent Assembly meetings, but Paraguay is in good standing and has always actively participated.—Reuter.

COMPLIMENTED

PORTUGUESE WHO HELD SNATCHER

A Chinese who was charged with snatching a hand bag from Mrs. E. Lawrel, of No. 335, Nathan-road, yesterday, was this morning at the Kowloon Magistracy sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment and 15 strokes of the birch.

Inspector R. A. Marks said that Mrs. Lawrel had just come from her house in Nathan-road and was waiting for a motor 'bus when defendant came up from behind and snatched her hand bag from her. Mr. Barros, who happened to be near the spot, gave chase and caught defendant.

Defendant pleaded guilty.

Addressing Mr. Barros, a young Portuguese gentleman, Mr. Hamilton (magistrate) congratulated him for his fine piece of work, in chasing and catching defendant and said that it helped considerably when such was done.

THE FAR EAST FLIGHT

The four Southampton flying boats forming the British Far East Flight, which left Hong Kong recently to return to Singapore in stages, arrived at Singapore yesterday.

REFORMING THE LORDS

MORE DETAILS

OPPOSITION BY LIBERALS AND LABOUR

LORD CHANCELLOR'S VIEWS

London, Yesterday.

The Earl of Clarendon introduced in the House of Lords his proposals for the reform of the Upper Chamber.

He moved, firstly, that it was desirable that early steps should be taken to limit the number of members of the House of Lords and to make suitable provision for the elective representation of the Peerage and for such other representation or nomination as would ensure to each political Party a fair position in the House.

Secondly, that the following constitution of the House of Lords would fulfil these conditions. In each Parliament there should sit and vote 150 peers elected by proportional representation of the cumulative vote by the whole body of peers and that 150 other persons nominated by the Crown, in proportion to parties in the House of Commons.

The Crown should also have power to appoint a limited number of life peers in each Parliament.

The Earl of Clarendon advocated that peers not elected to sit in the House of Lords should be eligible to stand as candidates for the House of Commons.

Opposition

The scheme was opposed by Lord Buckmaster for the Liberals and by Lord Parmoor on behalf of the Labour Party.

Lord Parmoor objected on the ground that 150 peers elected by the present House of Lords would be predominantly Conservative.

The Lord Chancellor said the Government took the view that in a matter of such grave constitutional importance an endeavour ought at least to be made to secure a measure of general agreement to any of the proposed changes.

The Government had dropped the proposals made by Lord Chancellor Cave last year because they did not receive that degree of general support which would have justified the Government in proceeding with them. There could be no change of giving legislative effect to proposals for the reform of the House during the life of the present Parliament.—British Wireless Service.

JUST FAIR

N.E. winds, fresh, fair is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another has formed over S.E. Mongolia.

Fresh monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea.

THE KING'S HEALTH

(Continued from Page 1.)

The Prince of Wales left the Palace with the Duke and Duchess of York at 11.30.

A Record Journey

The Prince (it was stated) will have made the journey from Brindisi to London in record time. He is beating ordinary time by at least 16 hours. This affords high tribute to the fine efforts made by the Italian, Swiss and French railway authorities to expedite his journey.

The Prince did not pass through Paris but followed the route via Chalons, Rheims and Laon, where the train was switched on to the northern line and made direct for Boulogne via Amiens.

His Royal Highness has made his hurried journey home from East Africa in 9½ days, having sailed from Dar-es-Salaam at 10 Sunday morning, Dec. 2. Ordinarily the journey would occupy a fortnight at least.—British Wireless Service.

Slight Improvement

It is authoritatively stated that His Majesty's condition shows a slight change for the better since the last bulletin.

Deep Anxiety

To-night's bulletin states that while the King's condition is more satisfactory than might have been anticipated, it is not considered reassuring in the Palace circles. Deep anxiety continues, though it is realised that His Majesty is struggling magnificently.

Labour Leader's Tribute

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, ex-Labour Premier, gave a lecture in Paris yesterday on the Aims and Policy of the British Labour Party."

He prefaced his speech by saying that his visit had been made uncertain for some days by the illness of His Majesty the King, which had aroused in the hearts of the British people affectionate anxiety which had been one of the most remarkable manifestations of our time.

He added: "All rulers and potentates of the earth might well envy the position which King George occupies in the minds of all sections of his people.—British Wireless Service.

THE UNEMPLOYED FIGURES

A REDUCTION

CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN LAST WEEK

STILL LARGE TOTAL

London, Yesterday.

The latest returns show that the number of the total of unemployed is 1,350,000.

This is 44,705 less than a week before but 201,152 more than a year before.—British Wireless Service.

FIVE REVOLVERS

CHINESE AND SOME LUGGAGE

A SAMPAN MAN

Cheung Man, a Chinese who returned from America as a steerage passenger on board the s.s. "President Cleveland," which arrived in port on December 3, was this morning charged at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell and Major C. Willson, O.B.E., with the unlawful possession, without a permit, of five revolvers and 1,000 rounds of ammunition.

Mr. E. C. S. Brooks appeared for the defence and entered a plea of "not guilty."

Evidence for the prosecution was given by a sampan man who said that he was engaged by the Kwong On Cheung firm of California merchants of Wing Lok-street, to go on board the "President Cleveland" to meet a Chinese passenger.

When he got to No. 3 wharf where the ship was lying alongside, he called out "Kwong On Cheung" and the accused hailed him from the ship. When witness went on board, accused pointed out to him five pieces of luggage, including a packing case.

A False Bottom

Witness took the luggage to the wharf where he waited half an hour for the police searchers to arrive. The accused was told the reason for the wait, and he stayed on the wharf with witness.

When the police opened the packing case, it was found to contain a lot of "junk" including empty bottles, old pulleys and iron hoops. After these had been removed, the police discovered a false bottom in the packing case. This was taken out, and the contraband then came to light.

The witness said that before the discovery of the false bottom, the accused claimed the packing case as his, but when the contraband was discovered he attempted to get away. Eventually, however, accused admitted ownership.

In his cross-examination of the witness, Mr. Brooks intimated that the defence was that the packing case did no belong to the accused and had been removed from the ship by mistake.

The case is continuing.

THE "CELTIC"

STILL HIGH AND DRY ON THE ROCKS

London, Yesterday.

Attempts to refloat the "Celtic" (which went ashore early on Monday near Queenstown) have hitherto been unsuccessful, and the depth of water in the holds has increased to twenty-four feet.—Reuter.

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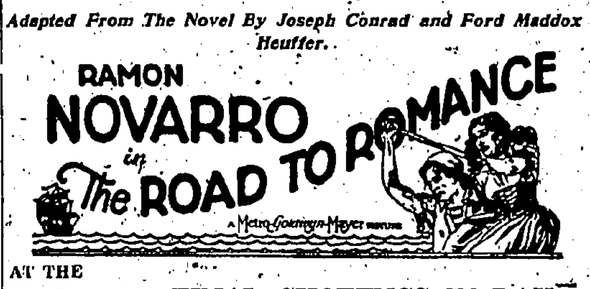

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